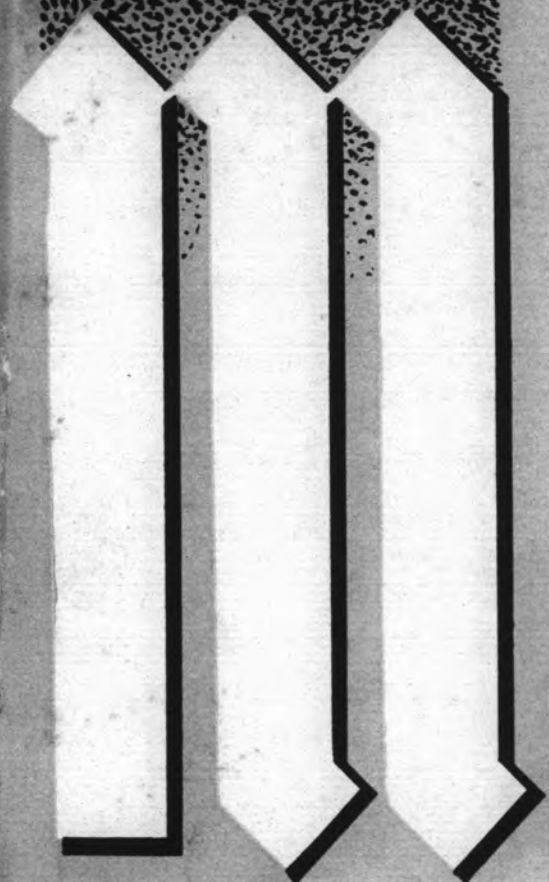


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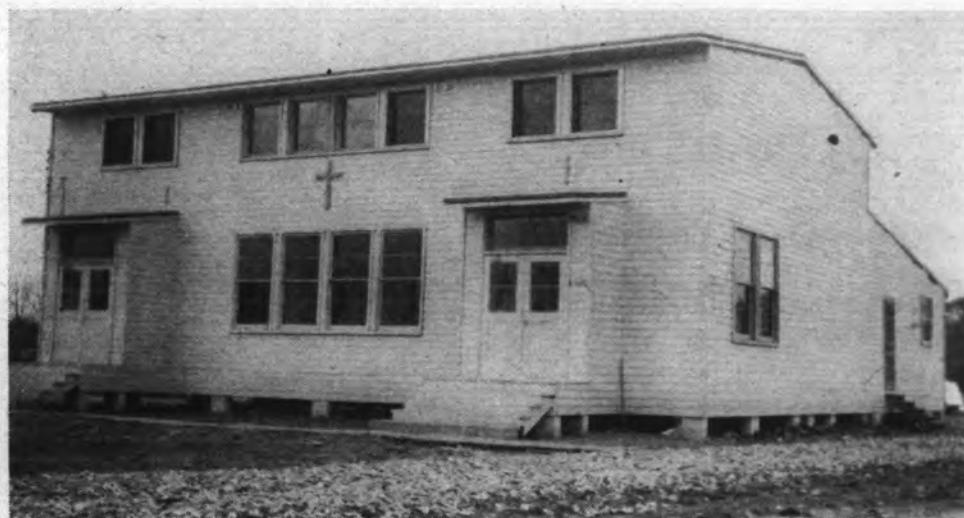
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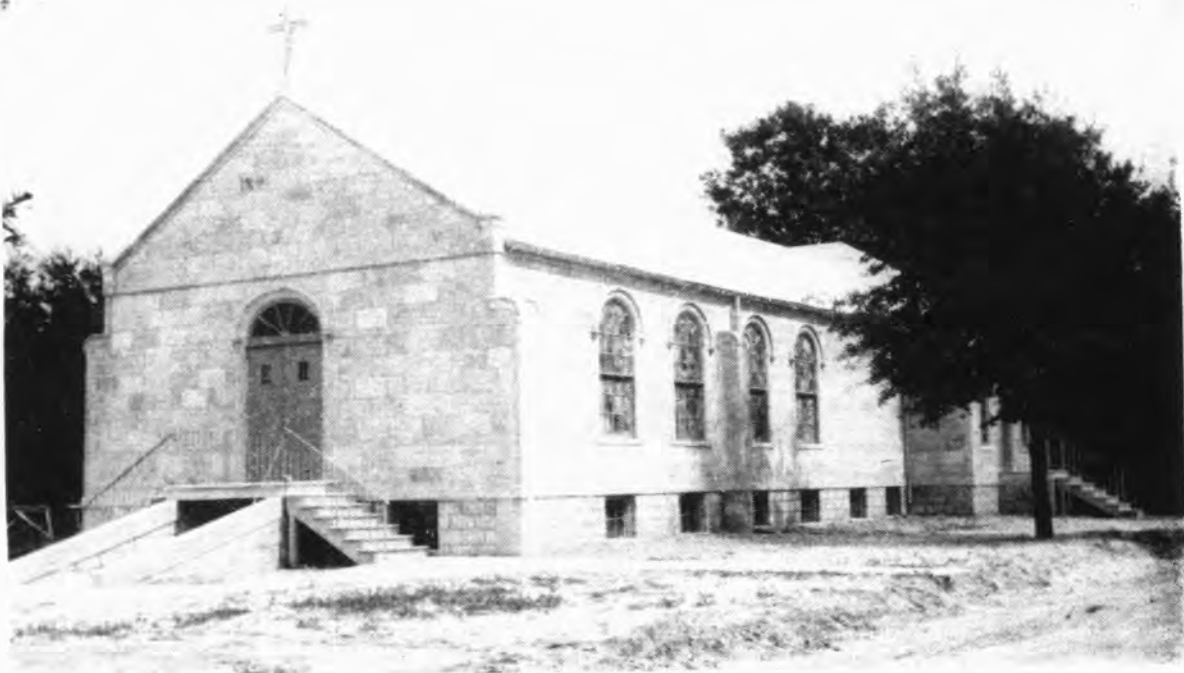
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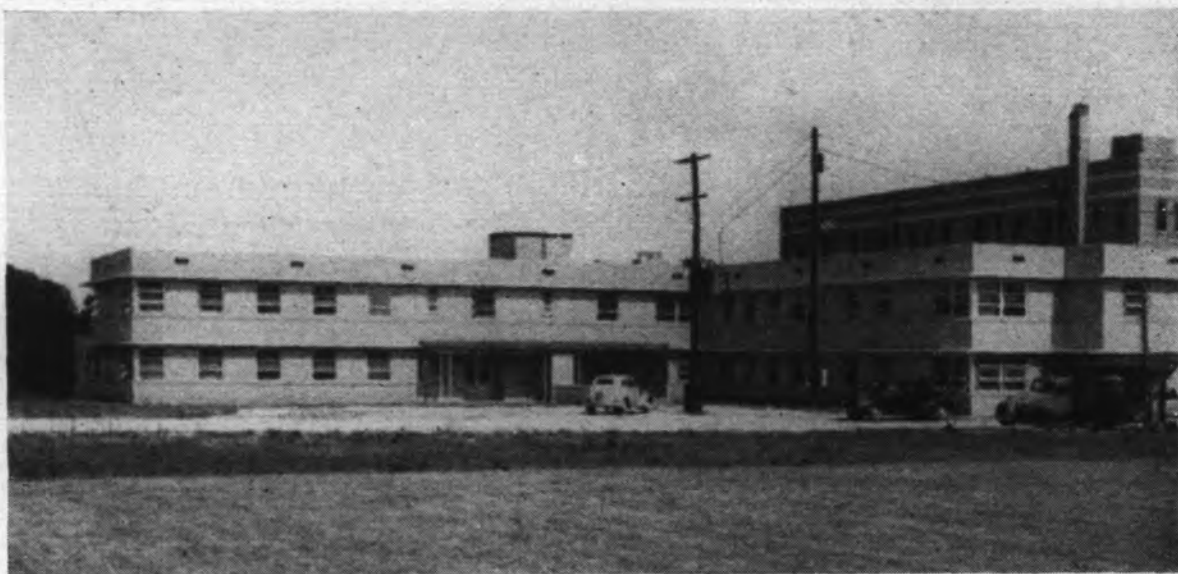
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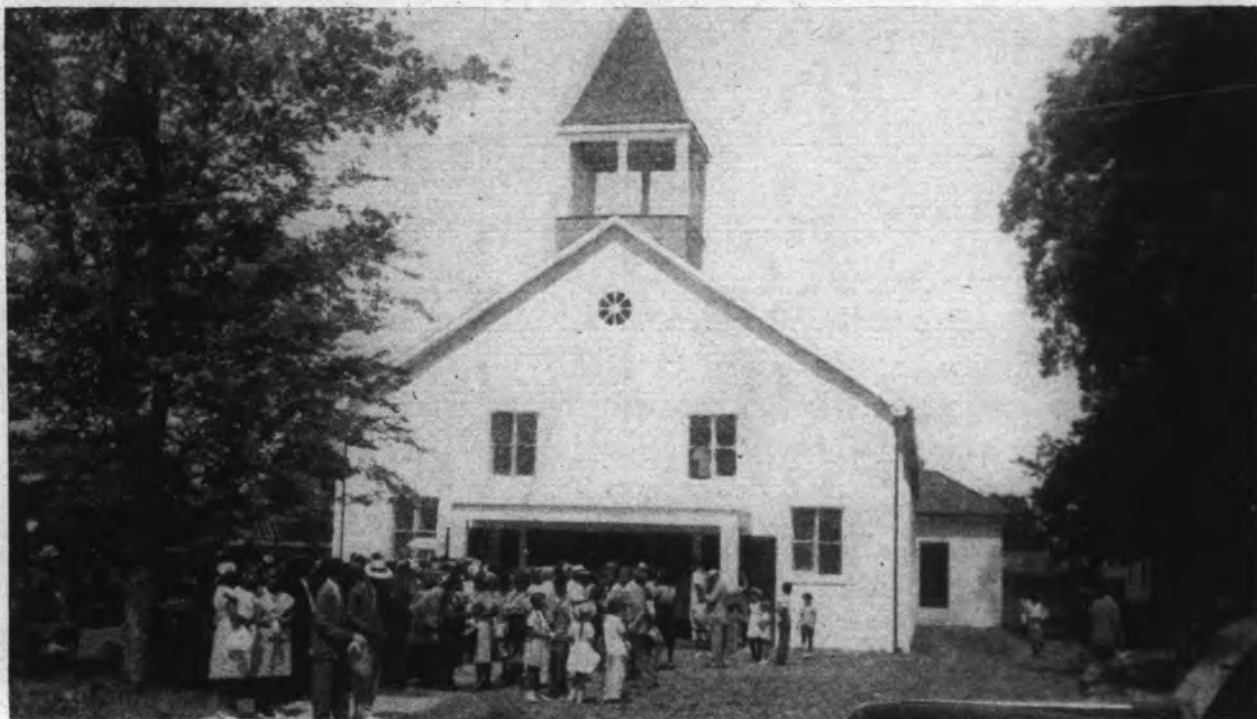
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JOHN LABAUVE, S.V. D.

- How a Negro Intellectual
- found his way into the Church

The year 1889 saw the birth of the prominent Negro poet, Claude McKay. His parents were peasants of Clarendon, Jamaica. At the age of six Claude was placed under the tutelage of his eldest brother who was in reality an agnostic and a free-thinker. This brother, though outwardly an Anglican, did not believe that the existence of God was either known or knowable. Nor did he accept revelation, but made his own deliberations and speculations about God and the supernatural. By the time Claude was ten, his brother had him reading the books of freethinkers like Huxley, Lecky, Haeckel, and Gibbon.

Although of his own nature Claude was religious-minded, he emerged from his brother's keeping without faith in revealed religion. His subsequent contacts, also, did not help him very much on the road to faith. At 16 he met a certain English squire, a Mr. Jekyll, who likewise was an agnostic. This gentleman made him a member of the Rationalist Press Association of London. Also, on account of his interest in Jamaican folklore, he helped young Claude publish his first book of poems, "Songs of Jamaica," and succeeded in getting a copy of it placed on the table of George V.

With his book at least a local success, it was decided that Claude should get further education in the U.S. After a brief stay in Tuskegee, he attended Kansas State College for 2 years. Thus equipped, he went to New York City, where money



Claude McKay

literally ran through his fingers.

When his thousand dollar legacy was gone, young Claude had to accept any job that came his way. But he also continued to write poetry. Many of his poems were published in leading American and English periodicals. In England, he published a small book of poems called "Spring in New Hampshire."

After his first trip to England, he came into contact with the Socialists, who made him assistant editor of their official organ, "The Liberator." When he left this job, he spent

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twelve years in world travel. He records his impressions of Russia after the Revolution in these words: "It was a shock to find there a government and social order basically anti-human-nature, resting upon the theory that the working class could only better itself and take power by civil war, with wholesale slaughtering of other workers and the middle and upper classes."

From here Claude went to France and Spain, where he was very much impressed by the beauty of the ancient cathedrals. The people of Spain, too, won his affection and praise. He later wrote: "I discovered in Spain that Catholicism had made of the Spanish people the most noble, honest, and humane of any in the world. . . . As a pagan I had always accepted, without thinking clearly about it, the popular notion that Catholic countries were the most backward. But Spain taught me that progress was not with the 'progressives'."

His admiration for the Church and his love for Catholic Spaniards had often led Claude to say if he ever became a Christian he would choose the Roman Catholic faith. "But," he confesses, "I never thought that it would happen." Indeed, it did not happen for quite a long time. Very often the Grace of God works slowly.

After his 12 years in Europe and North Africa, Claude returned to the United States still an agnostic. In New York he met Miss Ellen Tarry, whom he describes as "the only Catholic intellectual among Harlem's hectic *mélange* of pagans and Protestants." Miss Tarry spoke to him for a time about Friendship

House and Catholic Action. Then suddenly she popped this question: "Claude, why don't you become a Catholic?" He told her that he was "an unbeliever, an agnostic." But, unbeaten, she replied: "It is easier for an intellectual not to believe than to believe." These words set him to thinking, for, as he says "I do not like taking things easy."

After a goodly amount of research to ascertain whether or not Christianity was responsible for the decay of the glory of pagan life, Claude came to this conclusion: "I saw clearly that pagan society was far more corrupt than the society that developed under Christianity. The king-gods and emperor-gods had brought ruin upon the world. People were longing for the real Spirit-God. Jesus, the Incarnate One, had revealed in its fullness the answer to that longing."

And in the same vein he says: "I discovered a little of that mystical world of the spirit that eludes dictators, agnostics, and materialists. I saw, too, the Church in a light different, indeed, from the manner in which I had previously visioned it from the Protestant and agnostic angle."

In spite of this, however, Claude still did not become a Catholic at this time. As a matter of fact, his conversion did not come about until a serious illness in the winter of 1941-42 had given him time to think. During this time, he made special efforts to remain hidden from his friends. But the gentle arm of Catholic charity finally reached him when Miss Tarry discovered his whereabouts, and brought along her

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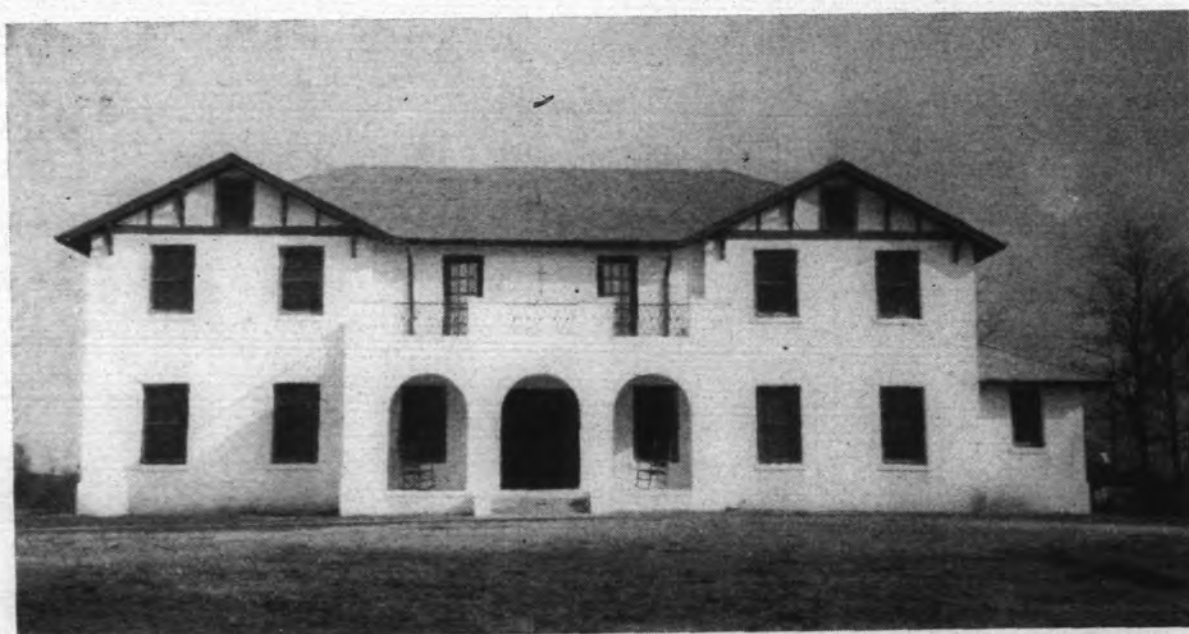
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Mr. Charles L. Rawlings, Chairman of the Catholic Interracial Council, presented Father Porter to 300 members and friends of the Council. Father spoke on methods of Catholic Action in the Interracial Field. He strongly recommended a greater development of our love and devotion to the Sacred Heart, the daily consecration of all our efforts to the Sacred Heart, for in this consecration and devotion we are honoring Christ and His blessing will be upon our efforts. He also recommended a real and thorough study of and devotion to the Mystical Body, which would do much for the betterment of race relations, for peace and justice to all the peoples of our country.



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Mr. Charles L. Rawlings, Chairman of the Catholic Interracial Council, presented Father Porter to 300 members and friends of the Council. Father spoke on methods of Catholic Action in the Interracial Field. He strongly recommended a greater development of our love and devotion to the Sacred Heart, the daily consecration of all our efforts to the Sacred Heart, for in this consecration and devotion we are honoring Christ and His blessing will be upon our efforts. He also recommended a real and thorough study of and devotion to the Mystical Body, which would do much for the betterment of race relations, for peace and justice to all the peoples of our country.

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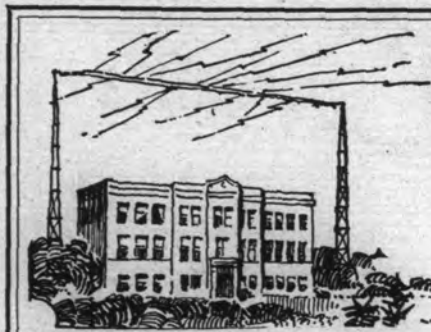
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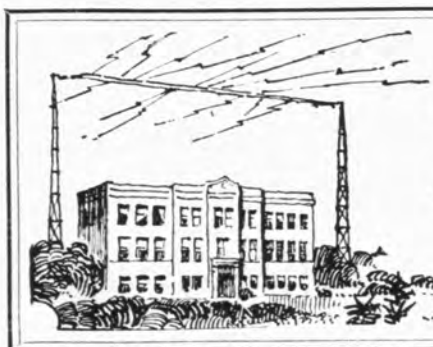
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A grant of \$8,800 was made to North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, N. C., for the purpose of training Negro teachers, supervisors, and coordinators of health education.

Research projects in science and education are under way in some 40 institutions in the search for a solution of the mysteries of poliomyelitis. A total of \$2,826,549 was spent during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1947.

Chapter appropriation has been made by the District of Columbia Chapter for Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D. C., to aid in the establishing of a polio ward.

Hospitalization costs have been met by chapters of the National Foundation for every infantile paralysis patient found to be in need of financial assistance. National headquarters expended more than \$6,000,000 in epidemic aid to supplement chapter funds during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1947.

Outbreaks of epidemics can be met by well equipped communities as a result of the special "Preparedness" meetings conducted by the



National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. During the spring months of 1947 these meetings were held in 18 states. Many Negro health and civic workers participated.

Fellowships for post graduate study by physicians are available through the National Research Council, from funds granted by the National Foundation. During the 1946-47 school year, Dr. W. A. Mason of Atlanta, Ga., United States Public Health Service staff member, studied sanitary engineering at the Yale University School of Public Health; and Dr. E. Perry Crump of the Meharry Medical College faculty completed study at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. Dr. Margaret Morgan Lawrence, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Meharry Medical College, is now studying advanced pediatrics

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at Columbia University under a \$5,000 grant-in-aid.

In addition, a \$50,000 grant was made to the Provident Medical Associates, Chicago, Ill. This provides nine fellowships for Negro Physicians in orthopedic surgery, pediatrics, and neurology.

Disbursements at the Tuskegee Institute Infantile Paralysis Center, in Alabama, totalled \$165,910.36 during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1947, and in addition an appropriation of \$60,000 was authorized for nurse training. In nine years Tuskegee Institute has received grants and appropriations exceeding \$1,300,000 from the National Foundation. These funds provided for the setting up and maintenance of educational facilities, the training of nurses, and medical care costs for treatment of infantile paralysis patients.

Infantile Paralysis Refresher Courses are being conducted to acquaint physicians with modern methods of diagnosis, care and treatment of the disease. Last spring Dr. Warrick Cardozo of the Howard University Medical School faculty; Dr. E. I. Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Dr. Maybelle Weaver of Baltimore, Md., attended the course given at Knickerbocker Hospital in New York City. Travel and living expenses for the physicians were paid by local chapters of the National Foundation.

Meetings of 25 Negro organizations in 17 states were attended in 1947 by the National Foundation's Director of Interracial Activities to advise groups and individuals of

services available from the organization and how to obtain them.

Educational materials containing factual information about polio, for professional and public use, were distributed at these meetings, and specially prepared films have been shown. New exhibits, posters and publications are in constant preparation. These are available to you without cost to meet your individual or group needs.

"A Message to Parents," a publication telling parents what to do when an epidemic of infantile paralysis occurs, was distributed to more than 30,000,000 pupils, including 3,000,000 Negro school children.

Scholarship awards for the study of physical therapy — so important in the treatment of infantile paralysis — are made periodically. 14 Negro award winners completed their study this past semester at Columbia University, Northwestern University, New York University, and the universities of California, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Scholarship awards were also made in health education, medical social work, and orthopedic nursing.

In the 1947 fiscal year 31 fellowship and scholarship awards were made to Negroes; more than 100 awards have been made in the past five years. These awards went to men and women living in 29 states and the District of Columbia.

These persons have been employed by general and specialized hospitals, Visiting Nurse associations, and the Veterans Administration in every section of the nation.

JANUARY SAINTS



Jan. 9 — St. Adrian

Divine Providence conducted this holy man to Britain in order to make him an instructor of many saints. Adrian was an African by birth, and was Abbot of Nerida, not far from Naples, when Pope Vitalian, upon the death of St. Deusdedit the Archbishop of Canterbury, judged him for his learning and experience in virtue the most suitable person to be the teacher of a nation still young in the Faith. The humble servant of God found means to decline that dignity by recommending St. Theodore in his place, but was willing to share in the more laborious part of the ministry. St. Theodore made him abbot of the monastery of Saints Peter and Paul, afterwards called St. Augustine's at Canterbury, where he taught Greek and Latin, and the Fathers. He was outstanding as a teacher of Sacred Doctrine and as a model of a Holy Life. He died in the year 710.

Jan. 21 — St. Meinrad

By birth he is supposed to have been connected with the family of the Hohenzollerns. Later in life he entered the Benedictine Order and there became a teacher. His soul, however, yearned for solitude and contemplation. He went to a place called Einsiedeln (hermitage). There he lived for 25 years, carrying on a constant warfare against a three-fold enemy, the world,

the flesh and the devil. He died on January 21, 861. The body of the Saint was conveyed to Reichenau and there preserved with great veneration. When our battle with our spiritual enemies, the world, the flesh and the devil, is raging, let us call upon St. Meinrad to give us some of his courage and determination.

Jan 29 — St. Francis De Sales

This great Saint was born at the Chateau De Sales in Savoy on August 21, 1567. On the following day, he was baptized in the parish church of Thorens, and received the name of Francis Bonaventure. Even as a little child, he was remarkable for obedience, truthfulness, piety and great zeal for the glory of God. He, later, became a priest and ministered to the poor with great zeal. In the 56th year of his life he died. He was beatified by Alexander VII in 1661 and canonized in 1665 by the same pope. The great virtue of this saint was "Meekness." The saint himself tells us how to practice this virtue. The most powerful remedy against sudden movements of impatience is a sweet and amiable silence. If one speaks at all, self-love will have a share in it and some word will escape that may sour the heart and disturb its peace for a long time. When nothing is said and cheerfulness preserved, the storm subsides, anger and indiscretion are put to flight, and joy pure and lasting results.

HONOR ROLL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

which are open to all students irrespective of race or color

(NOTE: Our Honor Roll has grown so big that it would be impossible to reprint the entire list in each issue, so hereafter we shall publish the names only of the new schools added to the Honor Roll each month together with the names of all the other Honor Roll schools located in the same state or states. We know that our list is still incomplete, so we invite our Readers to send in the names of other Catholic high schools and colleges which admit qualified Negro students)

HIGH SCHOOLS

IOWA

Assumption High School, Cresco, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
Catholic Central High School, Ottumwa, Iowa (Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary)
Immaculate Conception High School, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
Immaculate Conception High School, Charles City, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
Mount Mercy Academy, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
Mount St. Clare Academy, Clinton, Iowa
(Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception)
Our Lady of Victory Academy, Waterloo, Ia.
Saint Ambrose Academy, Davenport, Iowa (Diocesan Priests)
St. Boniface's High School, New Vienna, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Columbkille High School, Dubuque, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
Sacred Heart High School, Monticello, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
Sacred Heart High School, Oelwein, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
Sacred Heart High School, Rockwell, Ia. (Dominican Sisters)
Sacred Heart High School, Waterloo, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
St. Joseph's High School, Dubuque, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
St. Joseph's High School, Farley, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
St. Joseph's High School, Mason City, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
St. Joseph's High School, Waterloo, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
St. Luke's High School, St. Lucas, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Mary's High School, Cascade, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Mary's High School, Guttenberg, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Mary's High School, Marshalltown, Ia. (Sisters of the Holy Humility)
St. Mary's High School, North Washington, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
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St. Paul's High School, Worthington, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Wenceslaus High School, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
Trinity High School, Sioux City, Iowa (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
Visitation Academy, Dubuque, Ia. (Visitation Sisters)
Xavier High School, Dyersville, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)

OHIO

Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio (Dominican Fathers)
Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio (Diocesan Priests; Oblates of St. Francis de Sales; 6 Communities of Sisters)
Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
Corpus Christi High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Diocesan Priests)
De Porres High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Diocesan Priests)
Holy Family High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
Holy Rosary High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
Julienne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Mercy)
Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
Notre Dame High School, Hamilton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Sisters)
Our Lady of Mercy High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
Our Lady of Victory High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
Our Lady of the Woods High School, Carthage, Ohio (Sisters of the Good Shepherd)
Piqua Catholic High School, Piqua, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
Purcell High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Marianist Brothers)
Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio. (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
Roger Bacon High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Fathers)
Sacred Heart High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
St. Brigid's High School, Xenia, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
St. Gabriel's High School, Glendale, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Edward's High School, Cleveland, Ohio (Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament)
St. Mary's High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Charity)
St. Mary's High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
Ursuline High School, Youngstown, Ohio (Ursuline Sisters)

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JANUARY SAINTS



Jan. 9 — St. Adrian

Divine Providence conducted this holy man to Britain in order to make him an instructor of many saints. Adrian was an African by birth, and was Abbot of Nerida, not far from Naples, when Pope Vitalian, upon the death of St. Deusdedit the Archbishop of Canterbury, judged him for his learning and experience in virtue the most suitable person to be the teacher of a nation still young in the Faith. The humble servant of God found means to decline that dignity by recommending St. Theodore in his place, but was willing to share in the more laborious part of the ministry. St. Theodore made him abbot of the monastery of Saints Peter and Paul, afterwards called St. Augustine's at Canterbury, where he taught Greek and Latin, and the Fathers. He was outstanding as a teacher of Sacred Doctrine and as a model of a Holy Life. He died in the year 710.

Jan. 21 — St. Meinrad

By birth he is supposed to have been connected with the family of the Hohenzollerns. Later in life he entered the Benedictine Order and there became a teacher. His soul, however, yearned for solitude and contemplation. He went to a place called Einsiedeln (hermitage). There he lived for 25 years, carrying on a constant warfare against a three-fold enemy, the world,

the flesh and the devil. He died on January 21, 861. The body of the Saint was conveyed to Reichenau and there preserved with great veneration. When our battle with our spiritual enemies, the world, the flesh and the devil, is raging, let us call upon St. Meinrad to give us some of his courage and determination.

Jan 29 — St. Francis De Sales

This great Saint was born at the Chateau De Sales in Savoy on August 21, 1567. On the following day, he was baptized in the parish church of Thorens, and received the name of Francis Bonaventure. Even as a little child, he was remarkable for obedience, truthfulness, piety and great zeal for the glory of God. He, later, became a priest and ministered to the poor with great zeal. In the 56th year of his life he died. He was beatified by Alexander VII in 1661 and canonized in 1665 by the same pope. The great virtue of this saint was "Meekness." The saint himself tells us how to practice this virtue. The most powerful remedy against sudden movements of impatience is a sweet and amiable silence. If one speaks at all, self-love will have a share in it and some word will escape that may sour the heart and disturb its peace for a long time. When nothing is said and cheerfulness preserved, the storm subsides, anger and indiscretion are put to flight, and joy pure and lasting results.

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which are open to all students irrespective of race or color

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HIGH SCHOOLS

IOWA

Assumption High School, Cresco, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
 Catholic Central High School, Ottumwa, Iowa (Sisters of the Holy Humility of Mary)
 Immaculate Conception High School, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
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 Immaculate Conception Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Loras Academy, Dubuque, Iowa. (Diocesan Priests)
 Mount Mercy Academy, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Mount St. Clare Academy, Clinton, Iowa
 (Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception)
 Our Lady of Victory Academy, Waterloo, Ia.
 Saint Ambrose Academy, Davenport, Iowa (Diocesan Priests)
 St. Boniface's High School, New Vienna, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Columbkille High School, Dubuque, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
 Sacred Heart High School, Monticello, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Sacred Heart High School, Oelwein, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Sacred Heart High School, Rockwell, Ia. (Dominican Sisters)
 Sacred Heart High School, Waterloo, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
 St. Joseph's High School, Dubuque, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
 St. Joseph's High School, Farley, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
 St. Joseph's High School, Mason City, Ia. (Presentation Sisters)
 St. Joseph's High School, Waterloo, Ia. (Sisters of Charity of the B.V.M.)
 St. Luke's High School, St. Lucas, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Mary's High School, Cascade, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Mary's High School, Guttenberg, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Mary's High School, Marshalltown, Ia. (Sisters of the Holy Humility)
 St. Mary's High School, North Washington, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Mary's High School, Waterloo, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Paul's High School, Worthington, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Wenceslaus High School, Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Trinity High School, Sioux City, Iowa (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
 Visitation Academy, Dubuque, Ia. (Visitation Sisters)
 Xavier High School, Dyersville, Ia. (Franciscan Sisters)

OHIO

Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio (Dominican Fathers)
 Catholic Central High School, Chillicothe, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio (Diocesan Priests; Oblates of St. Francis
 de Sales; 6 Communities of Sisters)
 Chaminade High School, Dayton, Ohio (Marianist Fathers and Brothers)
 Corpus Christi High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Elder High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Diocesan Priests)
 De Porres High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Diocesan Priests)
 Holy Family High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Holy Rosary High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 Julianne High School, Dayton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 Mother of Mercy Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Sisters of Mercy)
 Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame)
 Notre Dame High School, Hamilton, Ohio (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur)
 Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Sisters)
 Our Lady of Mercy High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Our Lady of Victory High School, Columbus, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
 Our Lady of the Woods High School, Carthage, Ohio (Sisters of the Good Shepherd)
 Piqua Catholic High School, Piqua, Ohio (Sisters of Mercy)
 Purcell High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. (Marianist Brothers)
 Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio. (Sisters of the Precious Blood)
 Roger Bacon High School, St. Bernard, Ohio. (Franciscan Fathers)
 Sacred Heart High School, Columbus, Ohio (Franciscan Sisters)
 St. Brigid's High School, Xenia, Ohio (Sisters of Charity)
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 St. Edward's High School, Cleveland, Ohio (Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament)
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- What Others Are Saying Of
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One Kind of Genuine Catholics

"... There is only one kind of genuine Catholic. He is a supra-racial Catholic: one who is color blind in all matters that involve the rights of others under justice and charity. ... Too many Catholics" had been infected with white racism "by parents, teachers and friends who got the infection from their non-Catholic neighbors. ... It is high time for us to realize what has happened to us in our eagerness to be 100 per cent Americans. Our motive was good, but we have foolishly imitated some things that are neither Christian nor American. And the worst of them all is white racism."

*Rev. Claude H. Heithaus, S.J.
Marquette University*

Discrimination is Wrong

"To discriminate against Negroes is an injustice. In our country it is an injustice that is no doubt most frequently perpetrated also in the civil courts. Hence the Catholic judge must set an example of perfect impartiality when officiating in a case involving a Negro. Racial prejudice is so pronounced in some parts of the country that it is deplorable. It is emphatically both un-American and unChristian.

"Even in politics the fact that a man is a Negro or has a strain of Negro blood should have no effect on the decision of voters, who should base their judgment of the candidate on his personal qualifications, irrespective of his race or ancestry or religion. The same holds good of school. If there are both white and colored children in school, the teacher must be most careful not to exhibit any spirit of discrimination.

"Why is this? Because a Catholic must condemn all forms of racism? It

is easy to see the unreasonableness of race prejudice if we consider that it is a basic Christian principle that all men are equal in the eye of Almighty God. To discriminate against a person because of race or color or because he belongs to a different national or religious group is not a violation of genuine Americanism but also a sin against God's law, as proclaimed by the Catholic Church."

*Rev. Winfrid Herbst, S.D.S.
St. Nazianz, Wisconsin*

Starting With Each of Us

"In 1860 fate cast the Negro as an American test-case of the basic human rights of freedom. During the intervening years we have failed to practice the ideals of our founding-fathers. Those traditionally American notions of universal equality and God-endowed inalienable rights set forth by Jefferson's pen in the Declaration of Independence have been denied the American Negro. There is still time, however, to remedy the injustices of many years standing. We need not expect the reign of interracial justice to dawn tomorrow. It will be hastened, nevertheless, in proportion to the measure of determined action taken by fair-minded men and women. It will not begin until each of us recognizes thirteen million Negroes as free individuals endowed with all personal rights synonymous with full-fledged citizenship of this democracy. No longer a victim of fear and discrimination, the Negro may then enjoy equal opportunity in satisfying his justified economic, social, religious and political ambitions."

*S. J. Rivoire, S.J.
St. Mary's College
St. Marys, Kansas*

BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Negro Judge Appointment in Philadelphia

Herbert E. Millen, a well-known Philadelphia attorney, was named a member of the major judiciary in this large city. He is the first Negro lawyer to hold such a position in the state of Pennsylvania. His appointment was the result of over eight years of activity, hoping, petitioning and maneuvering, on the part of Philadelphia Negroes. Millen was for four years the assistant director of public safety, and is at present serving as a non-paid member of the city's rent commission, which was authorized after OPA rent control was modified. He makes the thirteenth Negro to be appointed to a judgeship. Three of the first twelve hold federal positions, six are in New York occupying state judgeships, and one each in Cleveland, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Negro Woman in Labor Department

There is one Negro in Washington, D.C., employed in the women's bureau of the department of labor. Her name is Mrs. Laura Kirkland and she holds the position of an economist. As in the above item, this appointment was the result of much effort on the part of Negro organizations. Especially responsible was Mrs. Thomasina Johnson, minority consultant of the United States Employment service, who carried her plea for the appointment of Negro personnel to the ears of the Secretary of Labor himself.

Scholarships for the Deserving

An organization founded last March and called the Catholic scholarships for Negroes, Inc., has born fruit. This Christlike project was founded under the patronage of Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston. Its evident purpose is to help duly qualified Negro Catholic students to receive higher education so that they may provide the Christian leadership so necessary for their own people. Of the three students placed by the organization in Catholic colleges, one is at Dunbarton College of the

Holy Cross in Washington, D.C. Of the other two, one is at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, and the other at Marywood College in Scranton.

M.D. Honored

Dr. Charles R. Drew, professor of surgery at Harvard University, has been elected to the board of trustees of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. He is the first Negro to serve on this board.

An Example from Virginia

A bright example from the past football season was given by the University of Virginia football team, and by its students, alumni and the Southern spectators of the game they won when they played against Harvard. The presence of a Negro tackle on the team of their illustrious opponent caused no ill-feeling, unpleasantness, or rowdyism. They gave him a friendly reception, treated him like any other player when he trotted on or off the field, and were glorious in victory against the first Negro to play against whites in a regularly scheduled game on a Southern athletic field. This is decidedly a splendid example for other Southern institutions.

Negro Students in Washington Hospital Nursing School

Two Negro women have been admitted to the School of Nursing of Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C. The Director of this nurse school, Sister Rita, R.N., of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent said it is a Catholic policy to accept any Negro girls who meet the entrance requirements. It was through her efforts, and those of the Rev. Martin Jennings, S.A., chaplain of the Newman Club at Howard University, that the young women were admitted. The two students are Miss Mildred D. Anderson, a former student of Howard University, and Miss Cecelia J. Christopher, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern University in Scotlandville, La.



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THE SAVIOR

Emmanuel Bertrand
St. Mary's Academy
Roseau, Dominica, British West Indies

Behold the Babe of Bethlehem,
That Infant born of Mary free!
Behold Him in Jerusalem
Already aged thirty-three!

And now on Calvary's mount He hangs
From the knotty oaken Cross.
His Flesh is torn as though by fangs,
His clotted Blood doth set like moss.

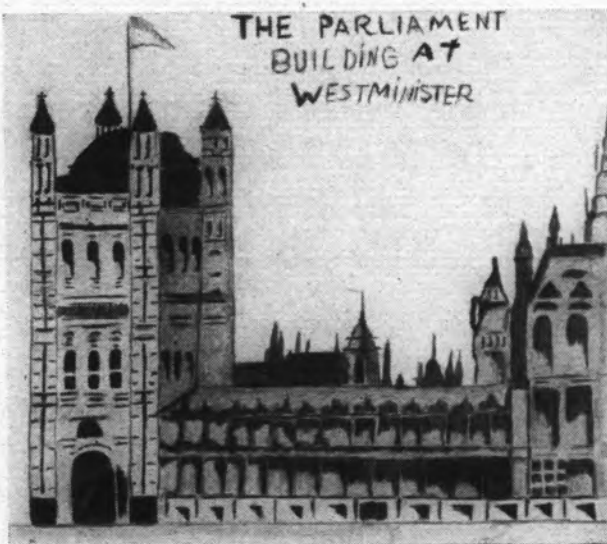
The work is done; the tomb is ope'
'Tis forty days — He has ascended;
With joy all men retain their hope
With Him to dwell when life's expended.

Heed Him, friends, lest we should fall:
Humility, love, fidelity.
Jesus thanks for these and all.
We'll love Thee e'er, and die in Thee.

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Boys and girls, a few days ago I received a beautiful painting of a house and landscape from a young artist. He has talent and taste. If you saw the picture, you, too, would say: "It's beautiful!" I am sure some of you can draw pretty well. Come, try today. Maybe you have talent of which you never dreamed.

Here are winners for this month:

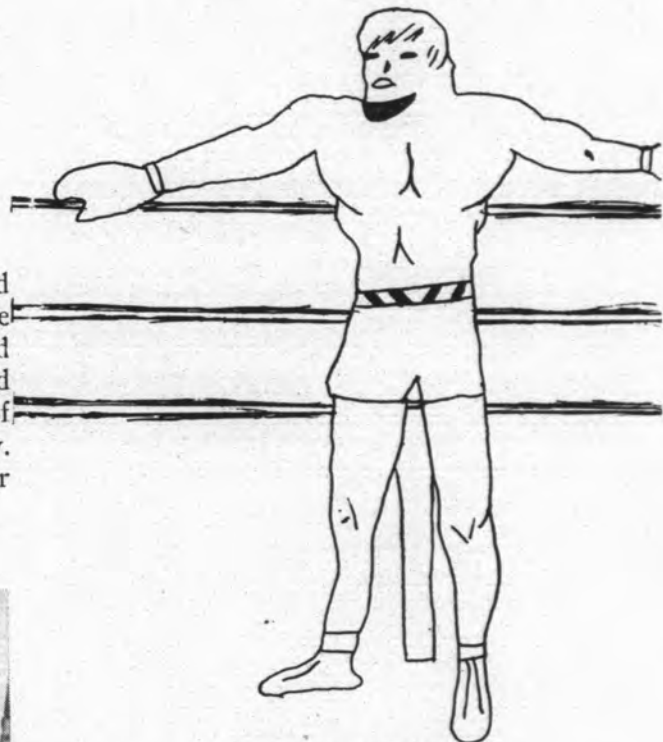


Drawn by John Henry Lee, age 15
345 Gilbert Manor, Augusta, Ga.



OUR BLESSED MOTHER

drawn by Mitchell Frazier, age 14
1810 Lapeyrouse St., New Orleans, La.



PRIZE FIGHTER

drawn by Aguinaldo Celestine, grade 6
2241 Valence St., New Orleans, La.

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THE SAVIOR

Emmanuel Bertrand
St. Mary's Academy
Roseau, Dominica, British West Indies

Behold the Babe of Bethlehem,
That Infant born of Mary free!
Behold Him in Jerusalem
Already aged thirty-three!

And now on Calvary's mount He hangs
From the knotty oaken Cross.
His Flesh is torn as though by fangs,
His clotted Blood doth set like moss.

The work is done; the tomb is ope'
'Tis forty days — He has ascended;
With joy all men retain their hope
With Him to dwell when life's expended.

Heed Him, friends, lest we should fall:
Humility, love, fidelity.
Jesus thanks for these and all.
We'll love Thee e'er, and die in Thee.

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Boys and girls, a few days ago I received a beautiful painting of a house and landscape from a young artist. He has talent and taste. If you saw the picture, you, too, would say: "It's beautiful!" I am sure some of you can draw pretty well. Come, try today. Maybe you have talent of which you never dreamed.

Here are winners for this month:

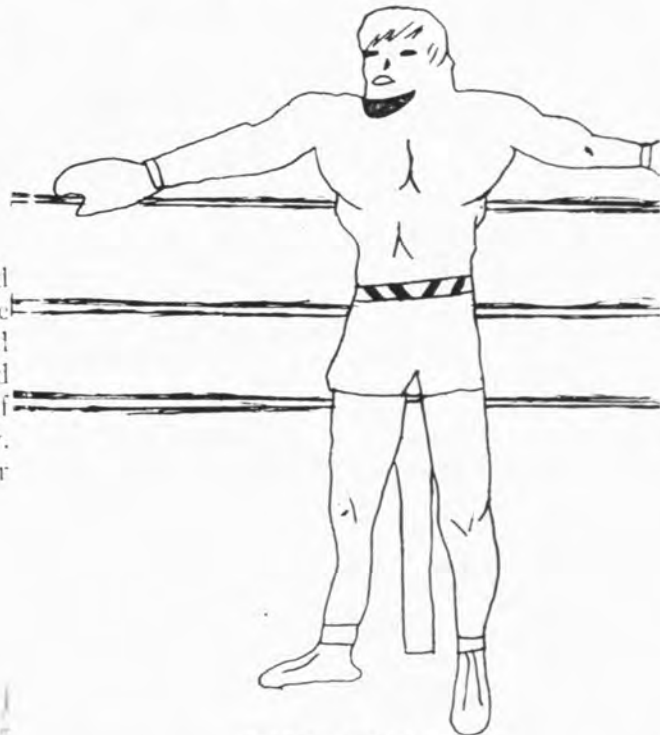


Drawn by John Henry Lee, age 15
345 Gilbert Manor, Augusta, Ga.



OUR BLESSED MOTHER

drawn by Mitchell Frazier, age 14
1810 Lapeyrouse St., New Orleans, La.



PRIZE FIGHTER

drawn by Aguinaldo Celestine, grade 6
2241 Valence St., New Orleans, La.

For these drawings John, Mitchell and Aguinaldo will receive a Guardian Angel Medal, the booklet "Our Lady of Fatima," and a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER.

Any pupil in grammar or high school is eligible to enter this contest. These are the rules:

1. Your drawing must not be traced from another picture.

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2. It must be drawn with pen and ink on a piece of plain white paper or cardboard (unruled) with no writing on the back.

3. Your name and address, age and grade must be written on a separate piece of paper and mailed in the same envelope with your drawing.

The drawings which are judged to be good enough will be published in the "Children's Corner" each month.

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So long till the next write-up! In the meantime you may remember to whisper a little prayer to the Baby Jesus for the poor people suffering hunger in Europe and Asia.

FATHER CHEER-UP
The Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

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NEWS BROADCAST

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would see a shiny red plug. For general information this is a fire plug added as an attraction for fire-fighters.

A new boiler has been set up behind the laundry in order to provide steam for the presser which has been in the laundry unused for quite a few months. This boiler had to be installed since the boiler in the Administration Building does not provide enough pressure for the presser.

Bishop Visits Seminary

Bishop Adolph Noser, S.V.D., of Accra, British West Africa, dropped in for a short visit to the Seminary. After celebrating Mass in our chapel he gave the community a brief address. He will return later when he will stay longer. We all enjoyed the day of relaxation which he granted the community.

A Negro Poet's Odyssey

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helpers from the New York Friendship House to nurse him. After some months of rest and care he was on his feet again.

A few of Claude's oldtime left-wing liberal friends had given him some pecuniary aid during his illness, but the thought that these men, whose ideas he had long since repudiated, would take charge of his body in death, made him more eager than ever to become a Catholic. A Catholic he did become; but the fear of godless men taking charge of his body was by far not the outstanding factor in his conversion. This was not "the real reason." Apart from the Grace of God and the charity of Miss Tarry and her companions, Claude's conversion was, in his own words, "An intellectual matter . . . ever since I began thinking seriously about the Catholic faith in 1938." He was baptized on October 11, 1944, the feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin, in Old St. Mary's Church in Chicago, Ill.

Liberia Reaches a Century

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set before them as the bearers of the torches of Christianity and civilization to their uncivilized brethren."

Today there are about 150 schools in Liberia; seven of these are high schools and one is a state college. There are seventeen Catholic schools, one of which is a high school.

The Republic of Liberia faces a new century. At this important milestone in its history it can scan the past with the satisfaction of having triumphed over almost insurmountable obstacles; it can also look to the future with reasonable hope for greater achievements. "Fear fades; courage rises; the night be gone; the morning breaketh." ("Liberia's Place in Africa's Sun" by Hilton Alonzo Phillips.)

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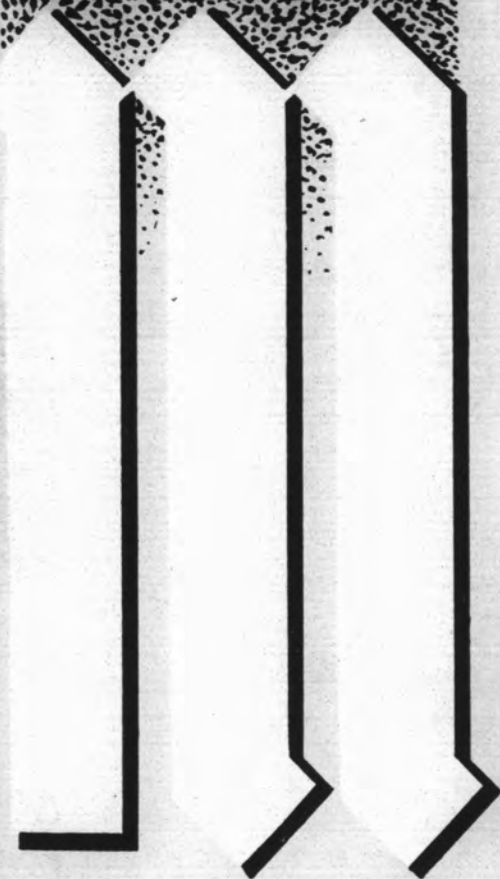
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How travel they who walk along
Life's pathway to an end unknown?
Take one who shuts God from his sight
And aimlessly plods life's road alone:
Unguided as a youth, his mind
Holds not that sight age wants secure;
Wandering afar, he stops to find
His feet have erred on a long detour.
At middle age he begins to check
The why's and wherefore's of his life;
Finding that failures and sad neglect
Must be amended ere ends the strife.
At old age, taking account, he finds
Of squandered time how much each day;
He hastens repentant to make amends
To God Who turns him not away.

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has made it a veritable mosaic of races. Today, there are not less than twenty-five races in a population of 800,000. Among these can be found all degrees of civilization. The primitive *Lamba* from the bush still goes about wearing only a crude loincloth, while the cultured *Mina* dresses in European fashion. The latter tends more to free himself from aboriginal customs, and is best disposed toward Christianity. But his conversion is not always a deep conviction of the truth of Christ's Religion. Too often he is moved by the desire to appear "civilized."

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But in spite of this, the war put a complete stop to the work begun. Eventually, it even brought about the total loss of that once promising mission. Since the missionaries were not allowed to travel without special permission, they were no longer able to carry on their apostolate continuously. Thus, bush-schools and catechumenates soon had to be closed. This, of course, resulted in religious indifference, moral laxity, and a return to fetishism. To make matters worse, the entire missionary personnel was expelled at the beginning of the year 1918. Four priests from neighboring missions came to replace the forty Fathers. But, for all the zeal they could muster, these soon found it quite impossible to care properly for all the Christians of Togo.

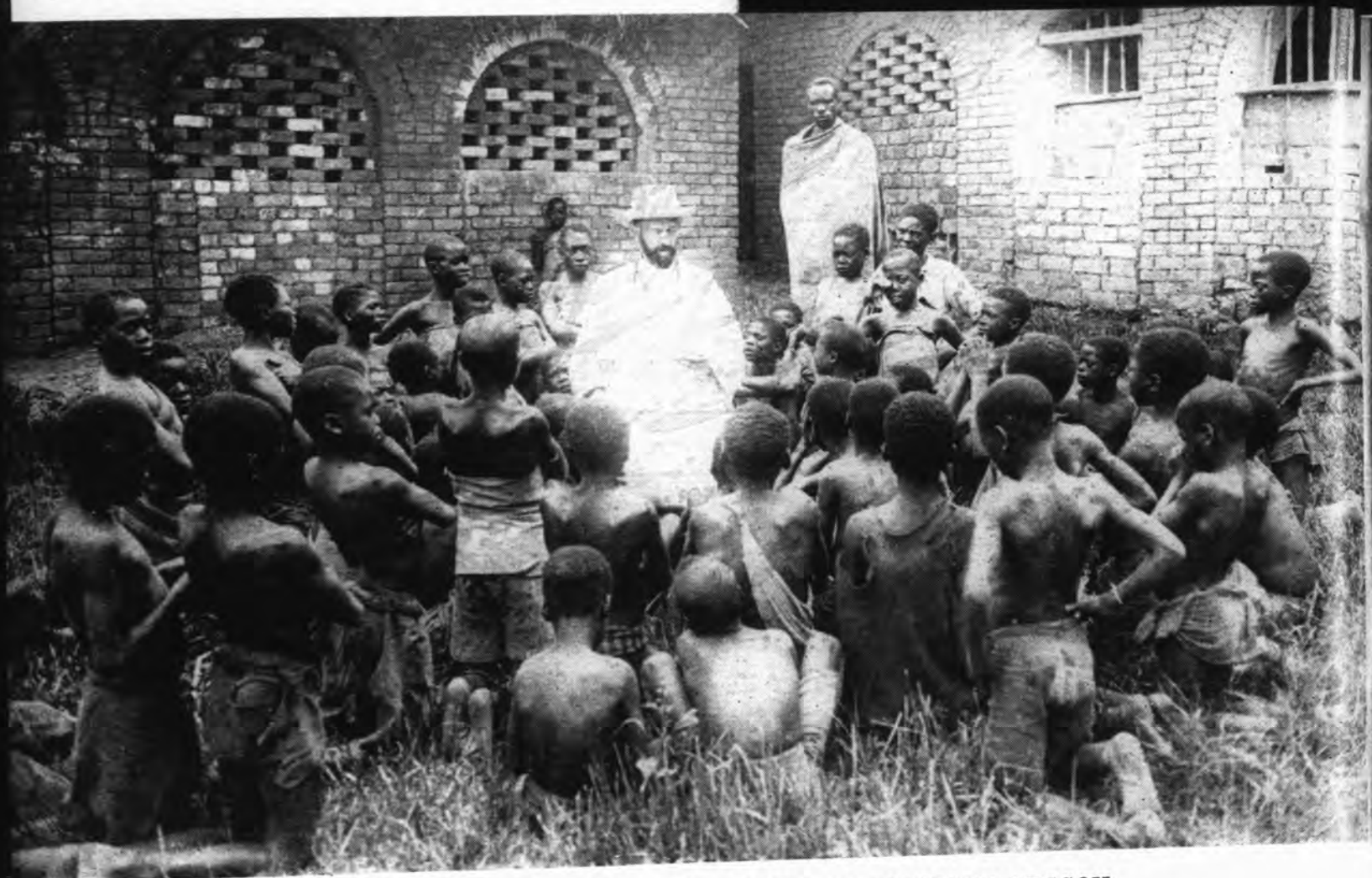
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In writing of Miss Adams, one cannot begin by saying that her story is typical of all or even of many American Negroes of today. That would not be stating the facts. On the contrary, the early life of Miss Adams was an exceptional life viewed in the light of a typical American Negro life. From her very infancy Elizabeth Laura Adams enjoyed a profoundly happy and extremely carefree existence with her mother and father. She was perfectly bred in all that goes to

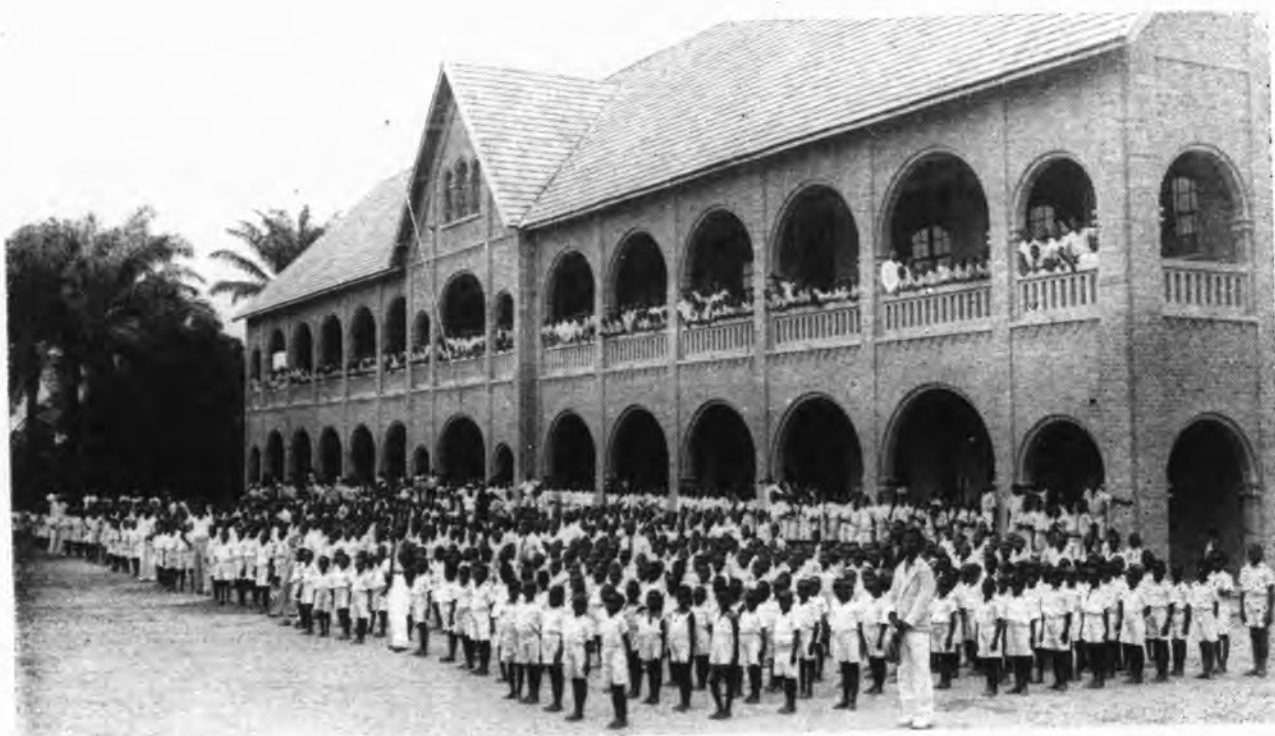


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form a perfect little lady. She knew very little of poverty and realized only very vaguely what it meant to be a Negro. Her's was not the continual and almost heartbreaking realization of millions of Negro children, who from their earliest years have learned in the hard way what it means to be a Negro. Elizabeth moved in an ideal world.

As is to be expected, Elizabeth did find out that it is not easy to be a Negro. A nice little white girl called her a n——r. In childlike simplicity she asked her mother what the word meant. Mrs. Adams, great woman and mother that she is, met the crisis in a very Christian and intelligent manner. Far from teaching Elizabeth to hate the child who had offended her, Mrs. Adams made her pray for the child every night before she retired. Elizabeth seems never to have forgotten that lesson. Her mother made her realize that a lady never fights back in such matters —

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In writing of Miss Adams, one cannot begin by saying that her story is typical of all or even of many American Negroes of today. That would not be stating the facts. On the contrary, the early life of Miss Adams was an exceptional life viewed in the light of a typical American Negro life. From her very infancy Elizabeth Laura Adams enjoyed a profoundly happy and extremely carefree existence with her mother and father. She was perfectly bred in all that goes to



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form a perfect little lady. She knew very little of poverty and realized only very vaguely what it meant to be a Negro. Her's was not the continual and almost heartbreaking realization of millions of Negro children, who from their earliest years have learned in the hard way what it means to be a Negro. Elizabeth moved in an ideal world.

As is to be expected, Elizabeth did find out that it is not easy to be a Negro. A nice little white girl called her a n——r. In childlike simplicity she asked her mother what the word meant. Mrs. Adams, great woman and mother that she is, met the crisis in a very Christian and intelligent manner. Far from teaching Elizabeth to hate the child who had offended her, Mrs. Adams made her pray for the child every night before she retired. Elizabeth seems never to have forgotten that lesson. Her mother made her realize that a lady never fights back in such matters —

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Though Elizabeth did not become a Catholic until later in life, her early training was thoroughly Christian. There were, however, two things which she could never get used to in the religious world in which she lived. Long sermons always bored her and she had a mortal fear of receiving the Holy Ghost. We can all see the reason for the first dislike; the second was brought about by the unlady-like behavior of certain persons of the gentler sex who claimed that they had received the Holy Ghost. Being a lady, Elizabeth shuddered at the thought of herself acting in such a crazy manner, so she decided to avoid the Holy Ghost, and hoped that He would forget about her.

I think that all of us have ambitions — great ambitions. Elizabeth had her ambitions, too. She wanted to become a great lady of the violin. But like so many others, her ambitions were not realized, she never became a great violinist. Just as she was blossoming into young womanhood her father died. She and her mother had to shift for themselves. At first all went well, but a few financial setbacks forced her mother to seek work outside of her own home. When Mrs. Adams became ill and had to stop working Elizabeth took her place. It was while she was working in the homes of others that she realized only too well the plight of colored people — of colored womanhood in particular. She saw the great struggle that her people have to carry on in order to exist. Vice and sin made her disgusted. She realized that her training had been a great education and

it helped to keep her good and pure in spite of the filth which she saw almost daily. She is a great tribute to the purity of Negro Womanhood.

Just as she began to see life in all its horrors and evils, the Catholic Church became the center of her life. She read books about the Church. She asked questions from Catholics and even sought advice in the confessional. At times it was hard to decide in favor of the Catholic Church because she had been repulsed once before in a white church. As far as she could see it seemed to her that the Catholic Church was predominantly a white church. Would she be accepted? The grace of God and the firm foundation of tolerance which she had acquired in her youth helped her to make the final step. Her mother gave her full consent and in 1931, at the age of eighteen, Elizabeth was received into the Catholic Church. The Holy Ghost had finally got her.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

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Solid Thinking

Scoring the lukewarm attitude of Protestant churches in the battle for racial understanding, the Rev. Ray Freeman Jenney, President of the Church Federation of Chicago, declares that "There must be a vigorous effort against 'class churches' and 'racial churches.' True evangelism by church laymen will make it possible for congregations to cross economic and racial lines. Communities today are unstable and insecure because we have not learned to adapt to constant change. Our goal must be teamwork, and the church must present the community with the demand that men go beyond expediency, or even bare justice, and work on a partnership based on Christian good will."

New Horizons

Warmly praising the Brooklyn management for pioneering the introduction of Negroes into big league baseball, the Brooklyn *Tablet* notes "with satisfaction" that other major league ball clubs have decided to follow Brooklyn's lead. "Now Cleveland and St. Louis have dropped the color line ban," says the *Tablet*. "Soon other clubs will do the same, and no longer will there be any question of Jim Crowism in baseball."

The Church's Stand

"The unequivocal condemnation of racial prejudice contained in the various papal encyclicals," declares Lester B. Granger, secretary of the National Urban League, "emphasizes what the basic policy of the Catholic Church has been in modern times. And there are numerous Catholic leaders who make it clear that papal admonitions are not pious expressions of good will..." Father John LaFarge, S.J., editor of *America*, declares that "lack of tolerance is an obstacle of the past. Much more important to remember is that no matter how many cases of prejudice may be found among Catholics,

racial discrimination is today a completely lost cause. It is officially stigmatized by the highest authorities of the Church as springing from ideas which are contrary to the fundamental Christian teachings."

Recognition

Upon receiving an award from the American Brotherhood of Arts and Sciences recently, Kate Smith, noted radio singer modestly admitted that she was "highly flattered. But," Miss Smith added, "I can't quite understand why anybody should receive a pat on the back, or a citation, for believing people are just people — and for advocating brotherly love." In presenting the citation, Dr. Florence R. Sabin, herself a world famous humanitarian, declared that "Ever since her debut in 1931, Miss Smith has been a spokesman for human rights. She has never missed an opportunity to use her talents through radio to develop better understanding among all people."

Progressive Action

A resolution drafted by Roger K. Larkin, secretary of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, of New York, demands that *all* unions end discriminatory practices against Negro workers. Outlining the objectives of the A.C.T.U., Mr. Larkin declares: "While we do not deal directly with the interracial question, in our fight for good clean unionism motivated by Christian principles, we are participating in a very real sense in the fight against discrimination against Negro workers. We maintain a close relationship with the Interracial Council, whose request that we do something to break down discriminations against Negroes by certain unions resulted in the resolution. Copies of this resolution have been sent to many Catholic leaders, including priests active in the social field. The response has been excellent, with all of them agreeing that the resolution was needed and should be widely publicized."



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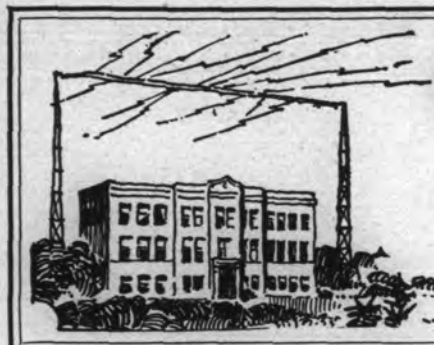
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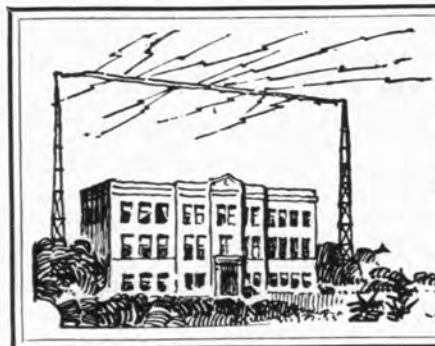
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"...in fervent devotion to his duty..."

When his father moved wordlessly out the door and across the sagging porch, Joel knew his father was ashamed of him because, after telling his father of the rumor that colored graduates were to be excluded from the platform, he had to admit that he had not cried out that he would fight for his right to be graduated without discrimination, according to the spirit of the Founding Fathers:

"We hold as self-evident that all men are created equal in the sight of God."

Joel thrust his coffee-colored hands into the pockets of his blue slacks and stepped stiffly out of the house. His father was hastening along the row of Chinese elms, writhing under the lash of the wind. With his head bent, his faded black sack-coat bellied, he looked like a scarecrow in flight.

At the gate he waited for Joel, his liquid brown eyes bitter, his sympathetic mouth stiff.

As Joel approached, he asked, "Do you see in your mother's front room window the new gold star on the service flag?"

Joel looked at the flag. He thought, *Now the war is over, what triumph is there in a star? As much as there was in Moses' death, with-*

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His father's voice went on. "Didn't you think, last night, about how your brother might have died?"

Did he think, last night, about how Moses might have died? Joel's heart swelled with indignation. He'd been thinking every night through these long months since Moses had been reported missing in action, of the picture in the paper of a soldier on Okinawa lying face downward in the mud, a helmet over his head, his fallen blade beside him! Did he think about Moses when, choked with the tight fear these many months that, because he couldn't see the soldier's face, it might be Moses?

Joel looked up with anguished eyes. "I've thought about it until I feel I *know* how he died! Down in a swamp. A Jap stabbing him!"

The old man stood tense for a moment. Then, "But, Joel, *why* did he give his life?"

An answer came instant to Joel's tongue. But he knew it was not the answer his father wanted to hear. His father wanted him to say, "Moses died fighting to establish on earth the Brotherhood of Men."

Yet how could he say that, when he and Moses had learned, in school, the difference in color from the way white playmates called each other by their Christian names, but called them by nicknames: "*Niggers!*" "*Pickaninnies!*" "*Coons!*" The difference between eating and living on the edge of hunger from the able blows their white schoolmates could stretch them out with? The difference conceivable in skill and in scholarship from the difference in



"At the gate he waited for Joel"

self-confidence faultless clothes fostered in others and rags ruffled in them?

Yet, suddenly, a new avenue of thought opened to Joel. Moses — after two years of being fed on white man's meat — had come home on furlough as powerful as any white man. Only — no white schoolmate showed himself and no colored man dared seek opportunity to settle a score! But — once Moses met, hand to hand, a Jap embodying the nicknames, the hunger, the pain — all he had ever suffered — ah, how Moses must have leaped at that Jap!

Joel ripped out, "Moses died fighting for his belief that all men are created equal!"

George Williams laughed silently. "Then you'll see your class president about you colored graduates sitting on the stage tonight!"

"I will!" Joel promised.

The two separated, Joel turning toward the main street. Oh, to be graduated from the stage with Rosa Lee! He turned in at the school

yard walk. Who more than he, had a right to be graduated from this stage? Wasn't he so responsible for the spic-and-span condition of the auditorium that the kids called him, "Joel — the auditorium's guardian?" He mounted the steps to the big front door. To be looked upon by his fellow citizens with favor, making the world for him to live in as pleasant and profitable as that world he had lately come to waken in: in the ink-blotted blackness before dawn he would dream of owning a large city cafe; but always, dazzling daylight would point its white finger at his black ones. Black fingers meant work, work, work, with nothing as reward but a hole-in-the-wall in some 'Negro' neighborhood.

He opened the door of the janitor's closet then suddenly remembered the boys of his class would be in the auditorium dressing the stage.

"Surely," he told himself, "with my brother dying overseas, my classmates couldn't discriminate against me."

He relaxed. He opened the stage

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door and stepped into the wings. Beyond the end of the footlights several boys were pushing up temporary steps for the colored kids to travel over from their chairs on the auditorium floor to the stage to receive their diplomas! And, at this very instant, at the main entrance farther north, the wide doors opened and an arrogant-looking lad with red hair curled like a sheep's back, advanced to where the group worked.

Stubby Hank Chamberlain looked up from his step-pushing. "Well, well — the class president himself — Byron Cummings!"

Byron Cummings' lips curled. "Cut the sarcasm and hurry the seats for the coons offstage!"

Athletic-looking Leo Gordon ran slender fingers over his slicked-down brown hair and said uneasily, "If you seat the colored kids that way, there'll be a riot tonight!"

"Anybody ask the pipe-of-peace-packin' papa's opinion?" Cummings retorted.

A companion pulled out from under the stage a long box and jeered, "Let 'em start something!" He tossed separately to the boys a sword, a saw, a cane, a sand bag, a throwing stick — stage props that had been used the night before in a play paralleling a Nazi attack on unarmed French civilians.

There came a look on Joel's face as of one who has seen something in which he is not quite able to believe. He thought, *If Father is to hold up his head again, or I'm to keep faith with Moses, I've gotta step on that stage and scream out quick: "Hey, you Nazis! You can't do this in America." Then I'll jump behind the scenes. A sword, a sandbag*

would lay me out. I wouldn't be graduated at all!"

His face grew hot. With a terrible effort he turned from them and went stumbling out the stage door.

At the click of the latch a slender, bright-eyed girl with a white gardenia in her shining raven hair, looked around. It was Rosa Lee.

"What're you running from?" she asked sharply.

In shamed voice Joel told her of the confirmation of Moses' death, of his father's expectation of him for this night, of his stopping behind the scenes because of what he saw. He ended miserably, "But I couldn't risk not being graduated. So I turned tail and ran!"

He broke down suddenly and dropped into the wide-armed cane chair and laid his head on his arms.

As Rosa Lee watched the spirit going out of him, disappointment died out of her face and pity rushed in. She drew his fingers from his face. "Joel," she said, "grubbing for our living since we were ten, has made us older than our years. Old enough to plan a future that will shake off the past."

"In a few months I'll be in the army."

"We both can save our money —"

"To buy a hole-in-the-wall hamburger joint in some 'Negro Neighborhood!'"

"We'll start an immaculate little restaurant on Main Street with southern cooking —"

"You're supposin' the whites'd pass up white peoples' restaurants!"

"Italians come over here and cook the dishes of their fatherland and Americans think their cooking a treat. Germans prepare meals Amer-

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icans pay for. Negroes created southern cooking —"

"It might work. But right now I want to know what's goin' to stop sandbags and staffs?"

Rosa's teeth showed white in her patient smile. "Step in there and tell them you've had definite word your brother made the supreme sacrifice!"

Joel looked dazedly at the girl suddenly transfixed, her lips parted, her eyes seeming to see a vision. And, suddenly, Joel was thinking of Joan of Arc. . . . But a girl to take the shine out of him?

He stood up, his heart pounding. "I'm going back," he said. As he turned, he saw Rosa's lips tremble with a proud smile.

He strode through the passageway. He opened the stage door and stepped in behind the scenes. The broad shoulders of Leo Gordon drooped as he grudgingly drove spikes securing the temporary steps against the stage; Cummings was gathering up sword, saw and sandbag, storing them in readiness. The sight, so menacing and real again, set fire to a train of secret memories of beatings, and Joel's heart bumped and his mouth went dry. Then he laughed. "Am I afraid of pain of body?" And, armed only with his message, he thrust his hands into the pockets of his blue slacks and began, "I say, Mr. Class President —"

Silence exploded in the hall. Eyes turned on him, amazed eyes, curious eyes, unfriendly eyes. Joel looked straight at Byron Cummings. "Since our class has kept a service flag for our relatives, I felt my class president should know we've just had definite word my brother, Moses, died on Okinawa. Died in —"

Suddenly Joel poured out a groan in hopeless anguish. He could not say

"...in fervent devotion to his duty."

Thought of the words now jolted him into full realization of his loss: the big brother he could empty his heart out to. Up to this moment, struggling as he had been to know and to do his duty concerning the graduation, he had moved and spoken as one in a dream.

The exploded silence settled down with a throb. Leo Gordon, holding nail and hammer numbly in air, turned to Byron Cummings. "What do you say? Keep on setting steps?"

Byron Cummings gurgled, "Dammit, Leo, what're you trying to make this gold-star-brother think? You know we're putting up steps for the *whole* class to march over!" He sniveled, "Stop twitching my sleeve, Hank Chamberlain!"

Through his black misery, Joel saw that Hank Chamberlain's shameless impudence and lack of tact in imputing blame upon the class president and his partner in

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conspiracy, passed all bounds of Leo Gordon's patience. Leo's honest blue eyes blazed and Joel knew that boded good for his and Rosa's cause. A fierce happiness filled his soul. Byron Cummings was finding blame for his injustice coming home at last!

Still craftily cunning, in a tone of compassion, Byron asked Joel, "Wouldn't you — being the latest gold-star-brother in the class, lead the procession with Rosa Lee tonight?"

Slipping from the collar, Hank Chamberlain rushed freely up the steps to stop squirming beside Joel. "Y-yes, do! Your behavior's been as good as anybody's." He looked around, searching for another reason, "You took such good care of the auditorium, too."

Leo Gordon bared his head and approached Joel and gripped his hand. "Do, Joel, lead the procession tonight."

In Joel's mind a debate began:

"You lead the procession, Cummings'll think he's pulled the wool over your eyes —

"Gordon's giving you a chance to forgive. A chance to build good will for that restaurant on Main Street some day —

"Save Cummings from the lash of the speaker tonight!

"Moses died to help establish on earth the Brotherhood of Man —"

Joel took a deep breath and said, "I'll lead the procession!" He looked out the stage window on the West. The sun was streaming upon the gold star in the window of his little shack in the street below.

ELIZABETH LAURA ADAMS

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to regain her courage and her will to live and to go out and try to make the world a little better for having lived in it. She did get well and she did regain her courage. Out of all her suffering and trials Miss Adams picked up the pieces of her life and composed a symphony — a dark symphony. She wrote her autobiography and called it "Dark Symphony." This is really a wonderful work and if you have not read it, do so at once. Many colored men and women have written of the struggles of the Negro, but none have done so in such a thoroughly Catholic manner as Miss Adams.

We the Negro Youth of today can do one of two things in regard to the unfair treatment we often receive. We can show our resentment by open hostility and force, or we can use the present obstacles as stepping stones to greatness. By brute force we will put ourselves on the level of those who hate us; by using the present hardships as means of greatness in the sight of God and man we will help not only ourselves, but millions of Negroes all over the country who are in the same situation as we ourselves are. Cannot we also, like Miss Adams, make out of our lives a symphony? Of course we can!

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

No Friction

Six years of following an interracial camping program were successfully brought to a close last fall by the Catholic Youth Organization of the New York Archdiocese. During this time, when more than 7,000 boys and girls availed themselves of the privileges of the camp sites, they have not marked an instance of racial friction. During the past year, Negro counsellors were on the camp staffs for the first time.

Democracy in Athletics

College and university students belonging to the University of Missouri and the University of Nebraska are striving with might and main to have the athletic color bar, that prevails in the Big Six Athletic Conference, lifted. It was learned that 58 percent of the University of Nebraska students participating in a campus survey, had backed their Student Council protest against racial prejudice. The Council of the Missouri University's Student Government Association, in a special session, passed a resolution favoring participation by Negro athletes from other colleges and universities in their competitive sports events.

Librarian at Notre Dame University

A Negro woman of Washington, D. C., has been appointed gift and exchange librarian at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. She is Miss Lois G. Dozier, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Howard University, in Washington, D. C., and the Bachelor of Library Science from Columbia University in New York City. The first Negro students were admitted to Notre Dame about five years ago.

Research in Chicago

The University of Chicago, under a grant of \$150,000 by the Carnegie Corporation and Rockefeller Foundation, has established a 5-year program of research and education in the racial relations field. The program will be headed

by Dr. Louis Wirth, Professor of Sociology.

Negro Lad Brings His Entire Family into the Church

When Jesse Moore of Elmira, N. Y., walked up to the priest attached to St. Mary's Church of that city, and asked him how he could become a Catholic, that was the first step to the conversion of the entire family, his father, his two sisters, and one brother. Because of this young lad's courage and initiative, the family received their instructions in the Faith at the same time, and six months later were baptized together.

New Constitution for New Jersey

By the overwhelming majority of 3 to 1, New Jersey voters replaced their 103-year-old constitution with a new and more democratic one. The new charter provides a more detailed bill of rights than the old one possesses, ending segregation by reason of race or color in the schools and in the state militia, eliminating other forms of racial or religious discrimination, and guaranteeing labor's right to organize and bargain collectively.

No Discrimination

Winston-Salem, N. C., was one of the large cities of the South that exhibited Freedom Train to its citizens without separation or segregation. About 12,000 white and Negro citizens viewed the exposition. Over 3,000 of both races had to be turned away.

High International Office

Dr. Ralph Bunche was appointed chief of the secretariat accompanying the United Nations Palestine Commission. This is to date the highest international office held by a Negro other than as representative of his own nation. Dr. Bunche was formerly a Howard University professor and director of the UN Trusteeship Division. He will head a staff of experts who will do the actual work in partitioning Palestine between Arabs and Jews.



With our SVD Fathers on the Colored Missions

Priest's House is also First School

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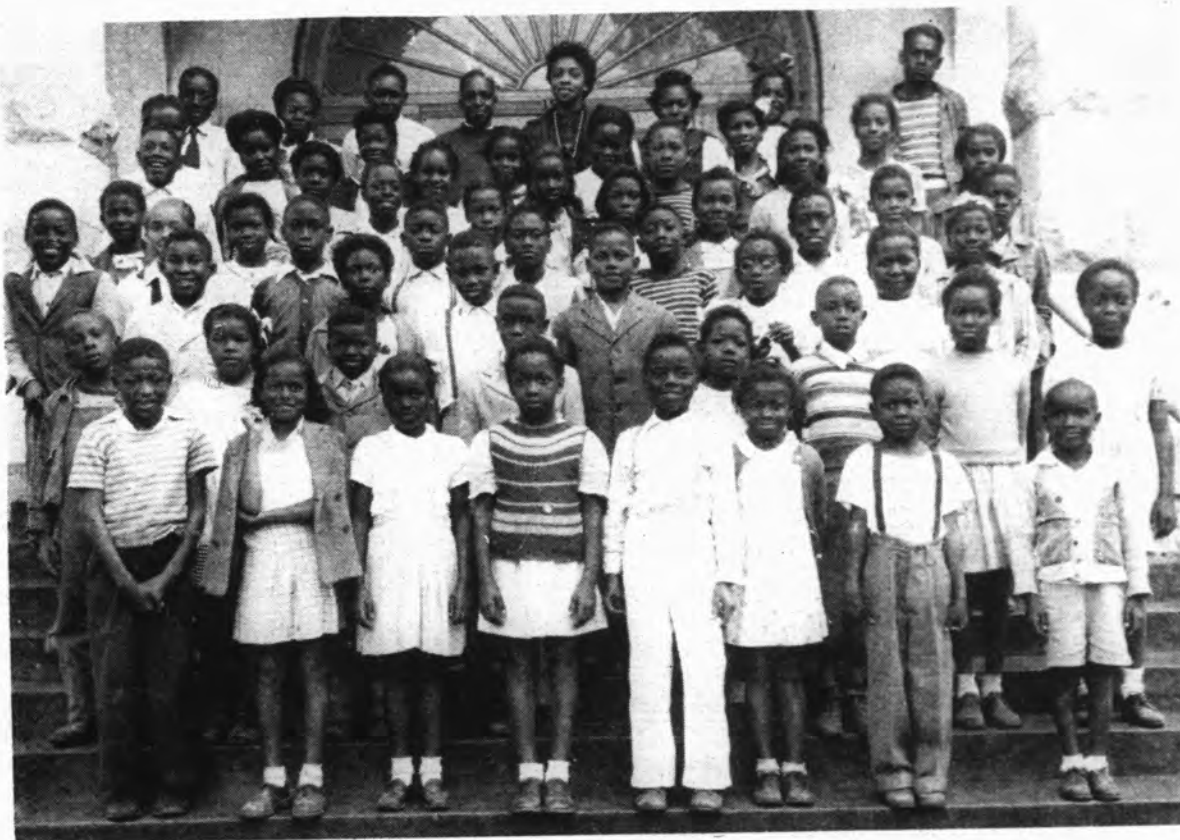
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CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

The New Year of 1948 is now but a few weeks old. Are we going to be happy and successful this year? Yes! How? We will try to please the Baby Jesus. Pray. Thank Mom and Dad for all the nice things they have done for you. Be kind and unselfish towards teachers and schoolmates. As for using your time and talents well, here is a little poem that might help:

LIFE'S CLOCK

The clock of life is wound but once.
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.
The present only is our own,
Live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father: I love the MESSENGER, which I read from cover to cover, and find it very interesting. Father, if you have time, will you please write to me. I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. I will remember you in my prayers. Goodbye and good luck and may the good Lord always bless you in His loving care. Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Olivi, age 12
Route 1, Box 23
Lake Village, Ark.

It is nice of you, Elizabeth, to write. Above all thank you for your prayers. Good for you, if you enjoy reading the MESSENGER.

Pass it on to some of your friends sometimes and let them read it, too.

Dear Father: This is only a few lines to let you hear from us. This letter leaves us feeling fine and we hope that when this letter reaches you it will find you in the best of health. We received our medals and books. We thank you a million times. We are happy that you gave us the opportunity of getting them. Inclosed are some of our drawing tests for you to see. We looked at some pictures and drew these. May God bless you and all who are near and dear to you. Your friends,

Clara Mae and Bernice Jolivet
Sunset, La.

Your pictures are neatly drawn, girls. That's right. Always be very neat in your penmanship and drawing. Keep writing us whenever you draw something nice. Clara, your picture has Jesus and His Mother Mary holding their rosaries. Bernice, you drew beautiful roses in your picture. Will you please say some rosaries for the Russian children.

Dear Father: I hope you like my drawing of the praying angel. I know it is very bad, but I just can't seem to draw very well. I did my very best, however, I hope you like it a little.

Joan Mans, age 13
56 Clifford Avenue
Rochester 5, N. Y.

Joan, honestly, I like your "angel." He is so simple and original, floating upon the clouds. That angel smiles as he sings from his big book of hymns. Your angel seems very happy. People should sing, smile and be happy, too, don't you think? Remember, if you are kind and smile sincerely for others, you may bring them great happiness. Ever try that? Thanks and write again.

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Dear Father: How are you today? Fine I hope. I am getting along fine. I know you'll be surprised to get this letter. I'm writing to tell you about our new school. It is very beautiful and comfortable. The Immaculate Conception is the name of our church and school. I would like very much if you could come for the blessing.

I am going to school. I study very hard. I'm in the seventh grade. My teacher's name is Sister Mary Edna. She is very good to me. I go to the Immaculate Conception School, LeBeau, La. Our Pastor's name is Father Callaghan. He is very good to all the school children and tries to get all kinds of nice play things for us. I hope you come and visit us soon. May God bless you and all the good priests and students. Sincerely yours,

Lucille Agnes Chambers, age 13

Box 6

Rosa, La.

If ever I travel near your school I will try to pay it a visit. It is good that your church and school have such a wonderful name, Immaculate Conception. You school children must have great devotion to the Blessed Mother. Do you say the rosary often for the peace of the world? Yes? Good! Your Pastor is good to you — then you must be thankful and nice to him. Don't you think Baby Jesus was nice to those who were nice to Him? Yes!

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Hey, buddies, don't forget the BIG CONTEST. Try your hand at drawing a picture and send it to me. You may be the lucky winner and find out that you are an artist. You may have just the talent for it. Do your best — draw a masterpiece and send it on.

The drawings which are judged to be good enough will be published in the "Children's Corner" each month. Here are the lucky ones for this month:



ANGEL

Drawn by Joan Mans, age 13
56 Clifford Avenue, Rochester 5, N. Y.



DAGWOOD AND BLONDIE

Drawn by Katrina Ramsey, grade 7
Our Lady of the Woods School
Carthage 16, Ohio



Drawn by Vernon Casimir, age 11
Holy Family School, Mandeville, La.

HERE ARE THE CONTEST RULES

1. Your drawing must not be traced from another picture.
2. It must be drawn with pen and ink on a piece of plain white paper or cardboard (unruled) with no writing on the back.
3. Your name and address, age and grade must be written on a separate piece of paper and mailed in the same envelope with your drawing.

For these swell drawings, Joan, Katrina and Vernon will each receive a Guardian Angel Medal, a booklet about Our Lady of Fatima, and a year's free subscription to the MESSENGER.

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Keep smiling! Baby Jesus wants you to pray for PEACE in the world. Baby Jesus trusts you. Little Buddies, you are responsible. Remember, Baby Jesus has lots of time to listen to the prayers of simple little children. So, pray for the Missions.

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Help to Clothe and Feed the Needy

When I attended the General Chapter of the Society of the Divine Word last Fall, I traveled a few weeks in Germany. The misery which I saw there cannot be conceived unless one has seen it for himself. Priests, Sisters and lay people asked me if I could obtain old clothing for them, or food of all kinds, especially fats, sugar, flour and meat. If readers have any articles to donate in God's Name, articles such as clothing, suits, overcoats, dresses, cassocks for impoverished priests, blankets, woolens, good shoes, etc., send these articles to me and I will forward them to needy people or priests.

Very Rev. Joseph F. Eckert, S.V.D.
St. Augustine's Seminary
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REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead..."

(2 Mac. 12, 46)

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, Archbishop of Omaha, who died in Omaha, Nebraska, November 23, 1947;

Rev. Narcisse J. Denis, S.S.J., who died in Galveston, Texas, November 23, 1947;

Rev. Thomas C. Lilley, C.M., who died in New Orleans, La., November 30, 1947;

Sister Mary Clare, who died in New Orleans, La., October 21, 1947;

Sister Mary Elisia, S.Sp.S., who died in Chile, November 4, 1947;

Sister Mary Iruna, S.Sp.S., who died in Japan, November 4, 1947.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

◆ BOOKS ◆

RACE RIDDLES edited by Frank Riley; 38 pages; price 10c; published by the Queen's Work, 3115 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis 18, Mo.

This pamphlet contains thorough answers to ten questions that are asked by people concerning the Negro. These answers clearly bring to the fore the central problems behind race relations, hold up the false front, tell the cause of racial injustice and the further cause of this cause. Finally this pamphlet gives sound advice as to what not to think and do about the Negro problem, and points out the solution towards true Christian race relations. The whole pamphlet, pocket-sized and very handy, is based on material furnished by the Catholic Interracial Council of Detroit.

FACTS IN BLACK AND WHITE published by Friendship House, 4233 Indiana Avenue, Chicago 15, Ill.; 24 pages.

This is a larger pamphlet treating the same subject as the one mentioned above. Written in the same question-and-answer form, there are 38 queries in this booklet. Starting with Racism, it touches on the social, economic and moral objections to true racial justice, giving a satisfactory answer in the case of each question. To the interested reader it offers a list of books calculated to help him learn the facts about the race problem. Both of these pamphlets could be very helpful to any human being striving to practice interracial justice.

IS THIS TOMORROW published by the Catechetical Guild Educational Society, 145 E. 5th St., St. Paul 1, Minn.; price 10c each, \$9.00 per 100 copies.

Written in the style of the popular comic books, "Is This Tomorrow" is a jolting eye-opener for people who have been too busy to heed the progress of Communism throughout this country of ours. "Is This Tomorrow" portrays the seizure of America by Communists. Instead of being comic it is seriously tragic to see and read what could happen to America. These same things have happened so often in so many other countries. The menace of Communism is exposed here for the purpose of making people think, to make them more alert to the danger. This booklet should be in the hands of every American.

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To His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph E. Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis, Mo., for his courageous stand against all opposition in opening the Catholic elementary and high schools of St. Louis to Negro pupils.

To His Excellency, the Most Reverend Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette, La., for being the second member of the Catholic Hierarchy in the South officially to accept a colored seminarian to study for the diocesan priesthood.

To the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Monastery of the Infant Jesus, Lufkin, Texas, for admitting their first colored postulant.

To the Board of Directors of Mercy Hospital, Gary, Ind., for removing racial restrictions and ad-

mitting the city's ten Negro physicians and surgeons to regular practice in Mercy Hospital for the first time.

To St. Catherine's General Hospital of New York, N. Y., for appointing Dr. Peter M. Murray, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, as the first Negro surgeon on its hospital staff.

To the Daughters of Charity of Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Washington, D.C., for admitting the first two Negro student-nurses.

To the Deanery Council of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of Mobile, Ala., for extending an invitation to the Confraternity officers of the Mobile colored parishes to attend and participate in the regular monthly meetings of the Deanery Council.

To the Louisville, Ky., High School Conference of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade for electing Miss Anna Evans, of Catholic Colored High School, as recording secretary on its board of eight conference officers.

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Catholic services. We expect great things from the new church on account of its favorable location in the heart of town and in a large colored district. The property will be a fine asset in expanding our various parochial activities. The former Sunday School classrooms, which are located in the rear of the building, are planned for instruction rooms, parish offices, and social gatherings.

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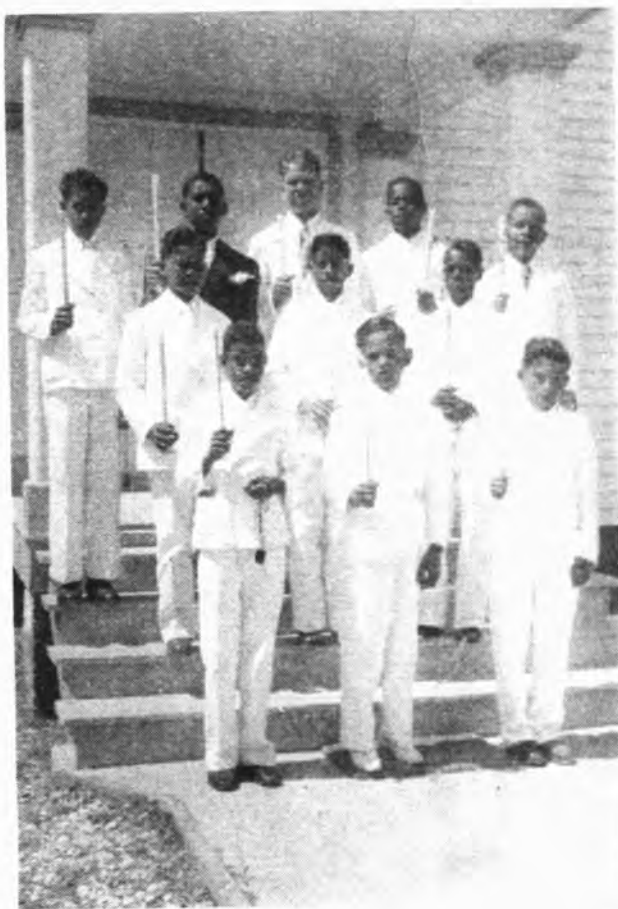
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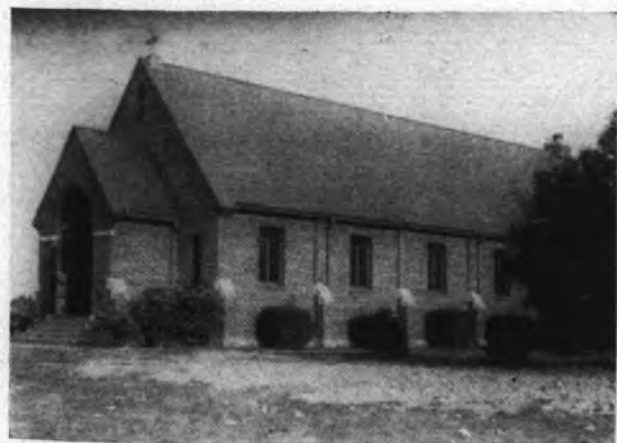
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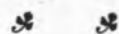
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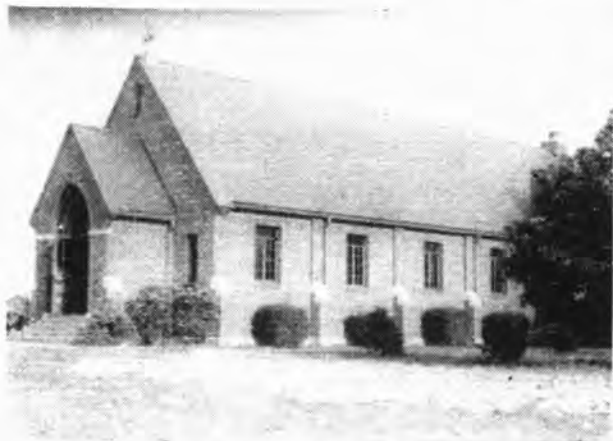
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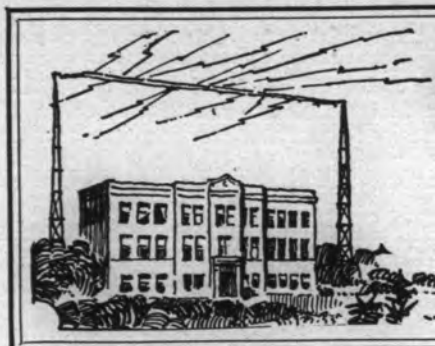
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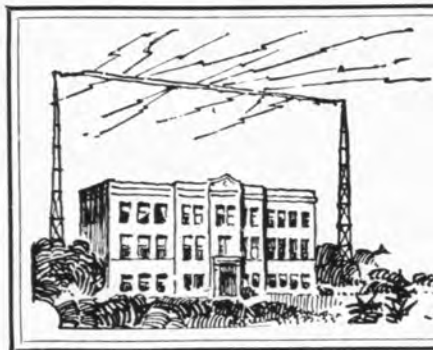


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March 7 — St. Paul, Hermit

Perseverance is a noble quality. It is a great quality, for it enables its possessor to continue in the pursuit of an attainable good no matter how many and how great the obstacles may be that confront him. Perseverance is exemplified in the life of St. Paul, surnamed "the Simple." At the age of 60, he applied for admission into the company of the Fathers of the Desert. He was rejected by St. Anthony who was the superior of the Fathers. St. Paul did not turn away in despair; but waited patiently outside the door in prayer and fasting. Once again St. Anthony found him outside the door and commanded him to return to the world. Paul would not leave. St. Anthony was astonished at the determination of the aged man. He admitted him to enter the ranks of the Fathers

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March 12 — St. Gregory

St. Gregory I, called the Great, was one of the most illustrious of the Popes. For fourteen years his pontificate was a model of ecclesiastical rule. He revived discipline. He aided in the conversion of the Spanish and French Goths and kindled anew in Britain the light of the Faith. He set in order the prayers and chant of the Church. The Church considers him as one of her four great Doctors. On March 12, 604 St. Gregory died. Let us ask this Saint to give us a true love and appreciation for the sacred chant of Holy Mother Church.

March 27 — St. John Damascene

St. John of Damascus suffered much from the Greek Emperors of Constantinople because he upheld the teachings of the Church in regard to the religious honor given to pictures and statues of the saints. His many writings, his knowledge, piety, and eloquence caused him to be compared by the Second Council of Nicea to a "river of gold." He was the last Byzantine to contribute anything to the formation of the Catholic theological structure. By his love of truth and by his fearless preaching of the Word of God, he became a light to illumine darkness of those separated from the Apostolic communion. He died in 754.

EQUALITY -- A FACT

WILLIAM C. KERNAN

What is meant by the doctrine of human equality is likely to be misunderstood or misrepresented. Thus, Mr. Westbrook Pegler, in the *New York Journal-American* for October 23rd, writes, "Offhand I can think of no more hypocritical fraud on the people of the United States than the self-inflicted doctrine of equality among and between mankind. Not one person in a million believes in this. Even those few who do so believe qualify their attitude with elaborate explanatory notes. . . . However, it does not follow that even these subscribers believe in universal equality of persons, the dirty and the clean, the lazy and the diligent, and so forth."

Essentially cynical, even impudent, as this remark is, we may disregard the motive which prompted it and proceed to set the record straight.

In the first place, the principle of human equality has nothing to do with whether a man is clean or dirty, brave or cowardly, educated or ignorant. It goes deeper than that. Human equality is a truth whose origin is in nature — decreed by nature's God. Our forefathers knew this. "All men are created equal," they wrote in the Declaration of Independence — equal in their souls — equal in the kind of life which is theirs as men — equal in that which makes them all members of the human family — whatever they may be, whatever they may be by race, religion, or color. The same rational soul, the same life which is common to man, and

only to man, is the equal possession of all — white and colored, Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, educated and ignorant, virtuous and wicked, clean and dirty.

In the second place, human equality means that men are so made that they possess rights — and possess them equally. Our forefathers knew that. All men "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," they wrote in the Declaration of Independence. The right to speak, print, worship, love, marry, beget, rear and educate children are rights which belong to men because of what they are by creation and nature — without any reference whatever to their race, religion, or color. They may use their rights for good or evil ends. But that has nothing to do with the primary fact that they have them — and need them to fulfill their duties, develop their talents, and express the life of their souls. And this by definition is true of men as such regardless of anything else — regardless of cleanliness or dirtiness — goodness or wickedness — bravery or cowardice.

In the third place human equality means that all men are born equally free. Our forefathers knew that. "All men are by nature equally free and independent," they wrote in the Virginia Bill of Rights. No man is born a slave. Society, disregarding the free state in which men are born, may by force make slaves of some — and so deny that freedom in

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BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

Equal Pay for Negro Teachers

One of the decisions that marked the last months of the previous year was that given by Federal Judge Wayne G. Borah, who ruled that Negro school teachers must be paid the same salaries as white teachers of equal qualifications. This decision was rendered in behalf of Wiley McMillon, a Negro school principal in Iberville Parish (County), La., who maintained that a white teacher of qualifications similar to his was paid almost three times as much as he was.

MVT to Drop Racial Discrimination

The Missouri Valley Conference's faculty representatives voted to end all racial discrimination at its member schools. The end of racial discrimination was set for 1950 to give members time to adjust their local conditions.

Merit Won, Not Race

It was a 19-year-old colored lad who was chosen outstanding resident of the St. Vincent's Home for Boys, Brooklyn, N. Y. This home, a haven for homeless and friendless boys, has a Negro population of less than 11 percent. The award was given for the most outstanding display of courtesy, cooperation and personality.

The Opinion of the Learned

American psychologists, sociologists and anthropologists as a whole are of the opinion that enforced segregation on racial or religious lines has serious and detrimental psychological effects both on the segregated groups and those enforcing segregation. More than 500 of the country's leading social scientists cooperated in the making of a survey conducted by the American Jewish Congress, by replying to an extensive questionnaire and providing other relevant data.

It was significant that there was no regional variation in the answers received. For the experts from the South were as positive as those from other sections as to the harmful effects of segregation.

Assistant Law Director of Akron, Ohio

Attorney Luther Johnson became the first Negro to be appointed to a major political office in the city of Akron, when Mayor Charles E. Slusser named him an assistant law director. Johnson will serve a two-year term as assistant to Law Director Roy Browne, a former classmate of his at the Akron law school.

First Negro Doctor in Philadelphia Hospital

Doctor John H. Graves is the first Negro to be appointed to a surgical residency at the Philadelphia General Hospital. The announcement was made by the director of the department of public health, Dr. Rufus S. Reeves. At the time, Dr. Graves was on the staff of Mercy Hospital in the same city.

More Nurses' Associations Drop Color Bar

The nurses' associations of West Virginia and Mississippi have thrown open their membership ranks to Negro nurses. This brings to five the associations in the South that have followed this democratic policy. The other groups are those of Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Kentucky.

Supreme Court Upholds Democracy

The United States Supreme Court declared that the State of Oklahoma must provide a legal education for Miss Ada Louise Sipuel of that state. This decision was handed down after Miss Sipuel had been denied admission to the School of Law solely because of her color. The District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, refused to give her a writ of mandamus against the Oklahoma regents. The State Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the District Court. The National Supreme Court reversed both actions.



"Quote and Unquote"

- What Others Are Saying Of
- And About the Negro

The Important Thing is the Human Race

"What colossal arrogance is involved in the supposition that there are greater or lesser races among the children of Adam.... The race of which it is our duty to be ever-conscious is the entire human race, the vast society of creatures composed of body and soul, and made in the image and likeness of God. Once we have this blessed consciousness we will abandon the foolishness, the maliciousness of thinking in terms of other small groupings made in the image and likeness of our own particular selves."

*Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D.
Archbishop of Boston*

Lip Service to Democracy

"Our failure to live up to our own high phrases is used to mock us in the battle between freedom and tyranny which occupies the world today.... No act of accidental injustice, let alone those of calculation, will go unobserved by our enemies. Lip service to our ideals will be seen for the mockery that it is."

U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark

Carpenters' Union Hears of True Charity

"Union discrimination based on race, creed, color or nationality has no place in the American Federation of Labor.... Democracy applies to every human person. There is not a single case of racial injustice in America which is not an international incident.... You carpenters will never be complete imitators of the Divine Carpenter until you have known the full meaning of

charity. St. Paul understood charity when he was made to see every human being as made in the image and likeness of God and as a brother of Christ."

*Rev. Vincent J. O'Connell, S.M.
to members of AFL Carpenters Union,
New Orleans, La.*

Apostolic Delegate Cites Interracial Groups

"It is abundantly manifest that these groups of white and colored Catholics are a source of immense good — groups which gather periodically to hold discussions, in all charity and order, under a spiritual director.... Through the discussions you create a common sentiment, you promote social relations on the basis of Christian principles, you lend your own cooperation to eliminate discriminations, and you open avenues for progress — spiritual, educational, and even material. Of all these, however, the spiritual is the principal scope of your council. It is, indeed, precisely in the light of faith that you discern these things better, combat prejudices more effectively, and study the means best suited to reestablish that social harmony demanded by the dignity common to all men as men."

*Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani
Apostolic Delegate to the United States*

White Primaries Illegal

"No election machinery can be upheld if its purpose or effect is to deny the Negro, on account of his race or color, an effective voice in the government of his country, or state or the community wherein he lives."

*U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals
Richmond, Va.*



With our SVD Fathers on the Colored Missions

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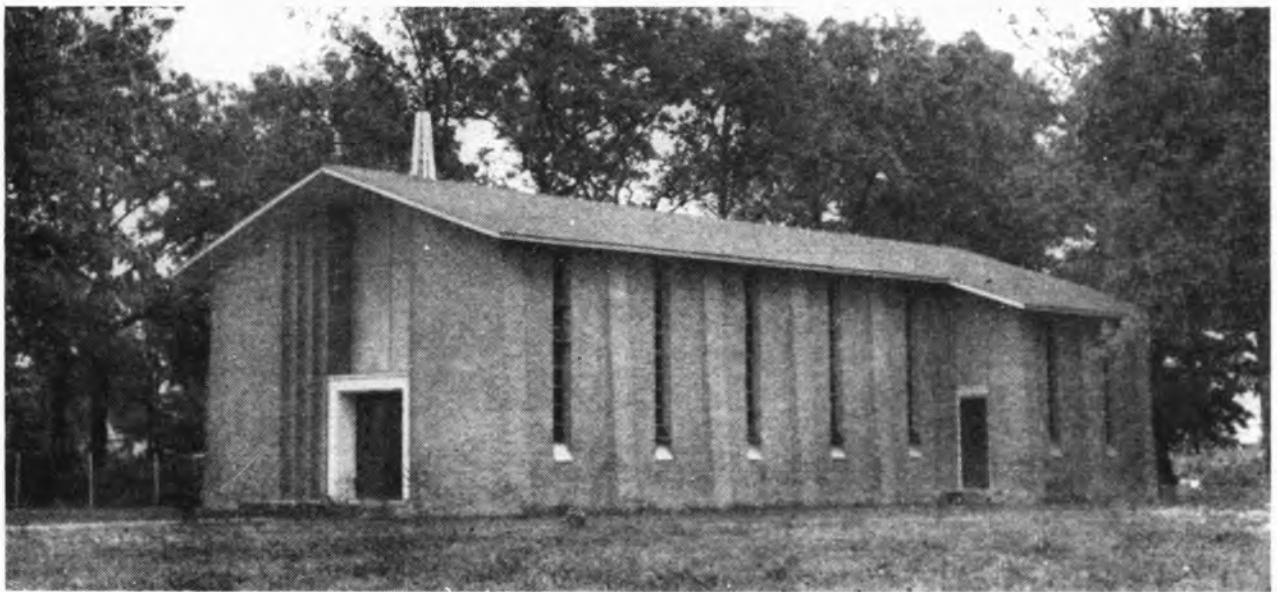
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Tennessee Adopts Negro History Books

The Tennessee State Textbook Authority adopted two histories written by Professor Merl R. Eppse. This is the first time in the one hundred fifty years' history of the state that a Negro author's books have been adopted. The two books written by Professor Merl R. Eppse are entitled, *The Negro Too, in American History* and *An Elementary History of America, Including the Contributions of the Negro Race*. The first-mentioned book is for use in the high schools and the second one is for the elementary schools. Both books integrate the Negro's part in American life in time and place. There is no attempt at exaggeration or prejudice. He has depicted the life of the Negro from Africa to the present.

The author is now Director of the Division of History and Geography at the Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial College, Nashville, Tennessee. Professor Eppse has been teaching at the college for nineteen years and has interested himself in the betterment of race relations. He is a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and holds the Master's Degree from Columbia University, New York, with further graduate work at Columbia. He is president of the Association of Social Science Teachers in Negro Schools; a member of the Association of University Professors; a member of the Advisory Board of the National Council of Social Studies; a Fellow of the General Education Board; Fellow of the Harmon Foundation; and State Educational Director of the Elks.

\$10,000 Drama Contest

Because of the splendid reception accorded The Christophers' \$30,000 Book Awards announced last March, prominent producers and critics of the Broadway stage have urged The Christophers to sponsor a play award. This is now a reality in the form of a \$10,000 contest offering a first prize of \$5000, a second of \$3000, and a third prize of \$2000, for full-length plays which are good theater, entertaining, and in accord with Christian principles instead of against them. Judges of the contest which closes November 15, 1948, are Katharine Cornell, leading American actress and star of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street"; Eddie Dowling, actor and director of "The Time of Your Life," and "The Glass Menagerie"; Oscar Hammerstein II, lyricist of "Oklahoma" and "Carousel"; Leo McCarey, director and producer of "Going my Way" and "The Bells of St. Mary's"; and Jo

Mielziner, foremost American stage designer.

Both contests are open, without entry fee, to residents of the United States or its possessions, and to Canadian citizens, regardless of race or religious belief. The Book Awards are \$15,000 for first prize, \$10,000 second prize, and \$5000 third prize, and are outright gifts, as are the Play Awards. All rights to manuscripts in both contests remain with the authors, and it is said these are the largest outright gifts ever offered in contests of this kind. Most book or play awards are at least partially an advance against author's royalties. There is no special entry blank, and rules for both the Book and Drama Contests may be obtained free of charge by writing to The Christophers, 121 East 39th Street, New York 16.

The Christopher movement, under the direction of Father James Keller, M.M., started less than two years ago. It is without any formal organization, and has no dues and no meetings. The movement is a venture for good whose object, according to Father Keller, is to emphasize personal responsibility and initiative. The stimulation from association with The Christophers encourages large numbers of persons to do whatever they can by themselves, but it also encourages them to exert greater initiative and influence in any organization to which they may belong. The goal of The Christophers is to enlist 1,000,000 Americans to bring Christian principles into the fields of education, government, labor and management, and the communication of ideas.

The whole Christopher movement is supported by voluntary donations which have been sent by Bishops, Priests, Brothers, Nuns, and lay persons throughout the country. A considerable portion of the funds necessary to carry on The Christophers' work has been supplied by non-Catholics.

SPRING CLEANING — ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1948



Courtesy Institute for American Democracy, Inc.

The Kenrick Remailing Service

The editors of this magazine would like to recommend to its readers a very praiseworthy form of Catholic Activity that has been brought to our attention. It is the Kenrick Remailing Service.

The Kenrick Remailing Service was set up by the Seminarians of Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., to encourage Catholics to re-mail their Catholic magazines and periodicals to missionaries and chaplains, who will further distribute them. The remailing of such magazines each month after they have been read is one of the easiest and least expensive ways that can be found to pass on Catholic magazines. Most of our magazines can be remailed to any place in the United States at the rate of one cent for each two ounces. The rate for mailing periodicals to foreign countries is only 1½ cents per two ounces. There is a crying need for Catholic literature in many parts of the world where it is at present unobtainable.

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Kenrick Seminary
7800 Kenrick Road
St. Louis 19, Missouri

They should also list the names of those magazines which they wish to re-mail. The address of an appreciative missionary or chaplain together with mailing information will be sent as soon as possible.

SACRED SONGS FOR VOICE AND PIANO

"Dear Sweet Jesus"
"For the Love of You"

May be purchased from

EDDIE MADDEN
226 Fairview Street
New Britain, Conn.

Chicagooan Master in Chancery

Major James A. McClendon, a veteran of five years in the army, was named as the first Negro Master in Chancery in Chicago and Evanston, Ill.

EQUALITY — A FACT

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which all are equally born. But what society does in no way changes the facts of nature. It may disregard them to its peril — but it cannot change them. When men are wise and virtuous they study to make the ways of society conform with the facts of man's nature. They do not try to force man to conform to a society which, by its laws and institutions, violates man's nature. They make society serve the needs of all men. They create a society for man. That's what we are seeking to do in America.

Fourth Annual Week-end

RETREATS FOR MEN

- Resolve NOW to make a spiritual renewal.
- Enjoy these exercises that turn your soul GODWARD.
- Make early reservations for one of the following:

First Retreat — July 9, 10, 11

Second Retreat — July 23, 24, 25

Third Retreat — July 30, 31, Aug. 1

Write to REV. RETREAT DIRECTOR
St. Augustine's Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



My dear Boys and Girls:

The other day I saw some little boys having a grand game of football. They had eleven men on each team. Some were six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve years old. They had a big field and stadium all for themselves.

Some had togs — others played in their ordinary clothes. The members of the team from up-town were bigger than those of the team from down-town.

Billy yelled out: "Tom, you can tackle me, but don't tear off my clothes (Billy's sweater was almost torn off)!"

Both teams tackled hard and low, they passed and ran the ball. Nobody was hurt — nobody was all tired out at the end.

The referee stopped a few fusses. There was no fight.

The score was tied. Nobody won. Everybody played fair. This was as it should be. The famous Knute Rockne, the late coach of the great Notre Dame football team, used to say to the youth of America: "Be men of honesty... of courage under fire... fight fair!"

Fight fair means "Don't cheat." I hope all of you always try to be fair in your games. Yes, take Knute Rockne's advice and always "fight fair!"

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What is a big word for a football field — can you spell it?

Answer: G-R-I-D-I-R-O-N.

TO PULL A "BONER" — do you know what that means?

In football language that means to make a mistake. If you make a mistake, be honest and acknowledge it.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I am very sorry that I took so long to write. Today I picked up the **ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER**. I said to my nice old grandmother, "Isn't it such a lovely **MESSENGER**?" She said that she thought that it was wonderful. Hope you know my brother-in-law, George. He visited the Seminary lots of times. My mother went to visit my sister in McComb, Miss. My sister teaches over there. My mother attended a wonderful Catholic Church. She heard the priest talk about how lovely the boys of St. Augustine's sang. There are not any Negro Catholics in McComb besides my sister and a friend. My sister is from New Orleans and her friend is from Pass Christian, Miss. The Negro Catholics that they do have are those who visit from away. That's the only sad thing about McComb, Miss. May God bless you now and always.

Yours truly,

Jacqueline Veronica Prudeaux, age 11
2527 London Avenue
New Orleans, La.

Thanks for your nice letter, Jacqueline. Say a little prayer for the good people of McComb. Yes, we have a fairly good choir. We sing Masses, spirituals and classical compositions. Sometimes the choir members have to work very hard practicing. You may hear this choir some day, if you visit our Seminary.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I enjoy reading the "Children's Corner." I suppose you are surprised to hear from me. I am a tenth grade student of St. Bartholomew's High School. Father Holken is our catechism in-

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structor. My family and classmates send their regards to you and the other Fathers. Respectfully yours,

Etta Mae Binns, age 15
324 Johnson Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Greetings to all in North Little Rock! I am glad to hear that Father Holken is your catechism instructor. Now you will learn how to stand on your own feet and think correctly when you have to defend your religion. Etta Mae, please extend best wishes to all.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: How are you? Fine, I hope. Father, I am still praying for my vocation to the priesthood. I study very hard, too. I received "The Shepherd" and it is very interesting. I am doing my duties of the Future Priests' Club. I close my letter with the Lord be with you.

Winfield Ledet, age 13
St. Martinville, La.

That's right, Winfield — keep praying for your vocation and for us. I am glad you like "The Shepherd." The pictures and print are very nice, are they not?

Dear Father Cheer-Up: This is my first letter to you. I am sending you my handwriting. I go to public school and learn my prayers very well. My sister is five years old and she will send you her hand writing; her name is at the bottom of this letter. May God bless you.

Annie Mae Gallien, age 7
and Ruby Jane Gallien, age 5
Route 4, Box 327
Opelousas, La.

Glad that you wrote me for the first time, Annie Mae. You will write me again, won't you? Tell Ruby Jane she prints her name clearly and neatly.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: This letter leaves me feeling fine. Hope it finds you likewise. I am happy that my drawing won again. Also my MESSENGER for this month arrived. Many thanks; it seems the MESSENGER gets better and better. May the Babe of Bethlehem bless you all. I pray each day for you.

Clara Mae Jolivet
Sunset, La.

Your drawings are improving, Clara Mae. Many times you win because you send the right picture for the right time and because it is clear and simple. You know if you do a simple task well, it sometimes looks beautiful. Never forget that. Since you like the MESSENGER so well, maybe you could pass it on to other people when you finish reading it and let them enjoy it, too.

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Don't forget the BIG CONTEST, Boys and Girls. Any one can try his hand at drawing a funny picture, a serious picture or any kind of picture. Send it on to me. Maybe you will be the lucky winner. Here are the three lucky ones for this month:



"THIS IS MY BODY"

Drawn by Lawrence Thompson, age 13
Box K, Baldwin, La.



DISSATISFIED EMPRESS

Drawn by Alfonse Cobette, age 12
6850 Chef Menteur Highway
New Orleans, La.



PLAYING GOLF

Drawn by Augustin Andry, age 12
St. Peter's School, Chastang, Ala.

For drawing these fine pictures, Lawrence, Alfonse and Austin will each receive a Guardian Angel Medal, a booklet about Our Lady of Fatima, and a whole year's subscription to the MESSENGER free!

Come on, Boys and Girls, join up! It's easy. Just follow these simple rules:

1. Your drawing must not be traced from another picture.
2. It must be drawn with pen and ink on a piece of plain white paper or cardboard (unruled) with no writing on the back.
3. Your name and address, age and grade must be written on a separate piece of paper and mailed in the same envelope with your drawing.

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Well, I'll be seeing you again next month. Meanwhile, I wish all of you a very Happy Easter! May the Risen Savior love you and reward you for your many prayers and sacrifices for the success of the Colored Missions.

FATHER CHEER-UP
The Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

◆ BOOKS ◆

JESUS IS THERE. A Dialogued Eucharistic Hour — No. 1, 32 pages, price 10c. The Sentinel Press, 194 East 76th St., New York 21, N. Y.

A booklet like this, supplied to each member of a parish and its use directed by a capable interested priest, should work wonders in the spiritual life of a community. It should have a wonderful effect on a person's ability to form his own private prayers with the example of its well-written and expressive affections before him.

Help to Clothe and Feed the Needy

When I attended the General Chapter of the Society of the Divine Word last Fall, I traveled a few weeks in Germany. The misery which I saw there cannot be conceived unless one has seen it for himself. Priests, Sisters and lay people asked me if I could obtain old clothing for them, or food of all kinds, especially fats, sugar, flour and meat. If readers have any articles to donate in God's Name, articles such as clothing, suits, overcoats, dresses, cassocks for impoverished priests, blankets, woolens, good shoes, etc., send these articles to me and I will forward them to needy people or priests.

Very Rev. Joseph F. Eckert, S.V.D.
St. Augustine's Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

ARE YOU SHARING YOUR FAITH

(Continued from page 57)

Here are three practical ways Negro Catholics can help bring knowledge of their Faith and love of God into the lives of their own people. Which one are you going to choose?

If you think you are not qualified to be a convert-maker, you are perhaps forgetting that God's Grace is really the Convert-er...but He wishes to use you to help spread His Word. In doing that, you'll find your own faith strengthened and a new joy besides.

The main thing is to *try*...God is our Partner in this necessary and vital work, and *every moment counts!* So why not tell your fellow Catholics about CMOA and sign up yourself, today? The address to write to is: CMOA, 1124 E. Lomita Ave., Glendale 5, California.

Won't you help to make this dream come true: "That they all may be one, as Thou, Father in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me" (John 17:21).

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead..."

(2 Mac. 12, 46)

Rev. Philip Beck, S.V.D., who died in the Philippine Islands, December 11, 1947;

Rev. William Eggenkamp, S.V.D., who died in the Little Sunda Islands, December, 1947;

Rev. Joseph Lambert, S.V.D., who died in the Little Sunda Islands, December, 1947;

Brother Coelestinus Guetlbauer, S.V.D., who died in Austria;

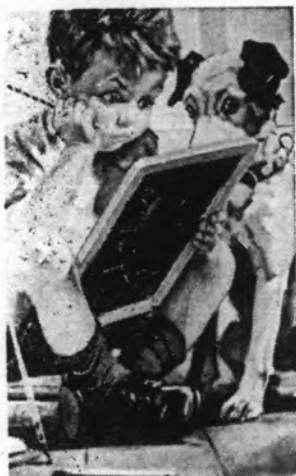
Brother Constantinus Paulus, S.V.D., who died in Germany;

Sister Mary Lydia, S.Sp.S., who died in the Philippine Islands, December 30, 1947;

George W. Conrad, who died in St. Mary's Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 11, 1947.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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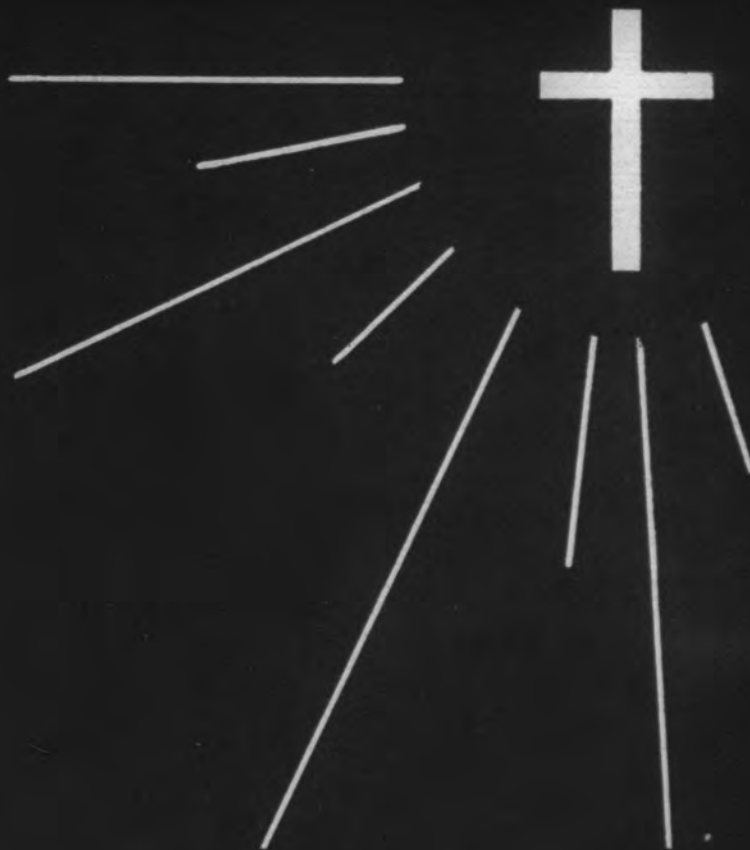
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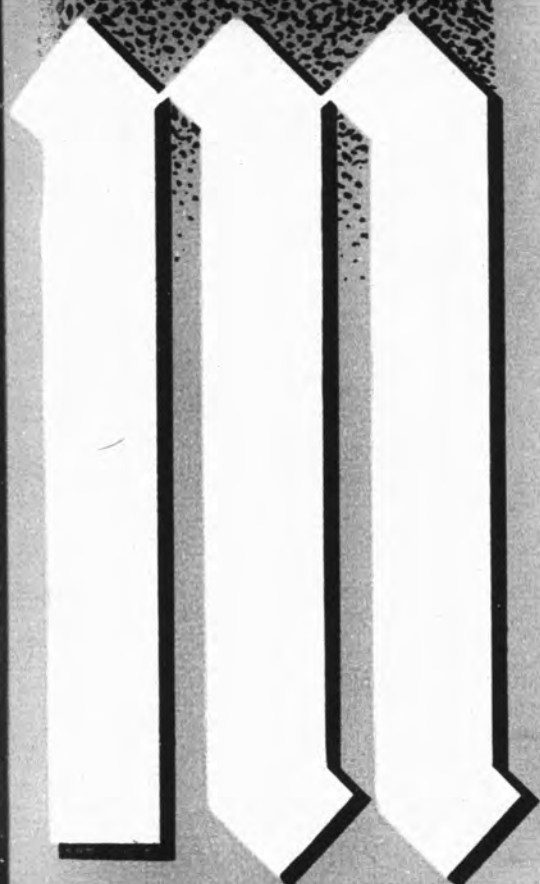
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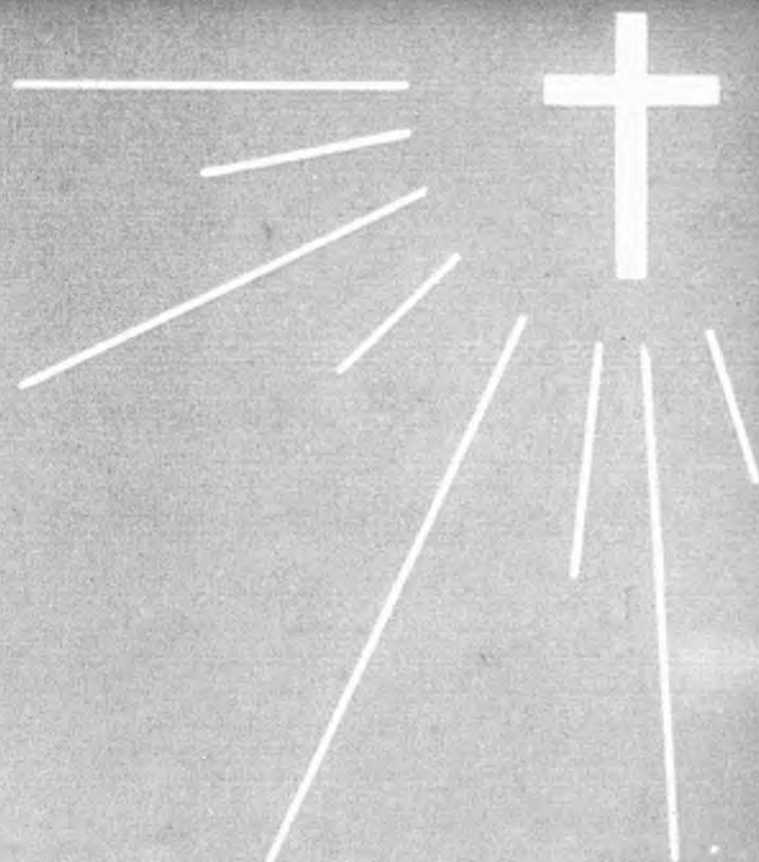
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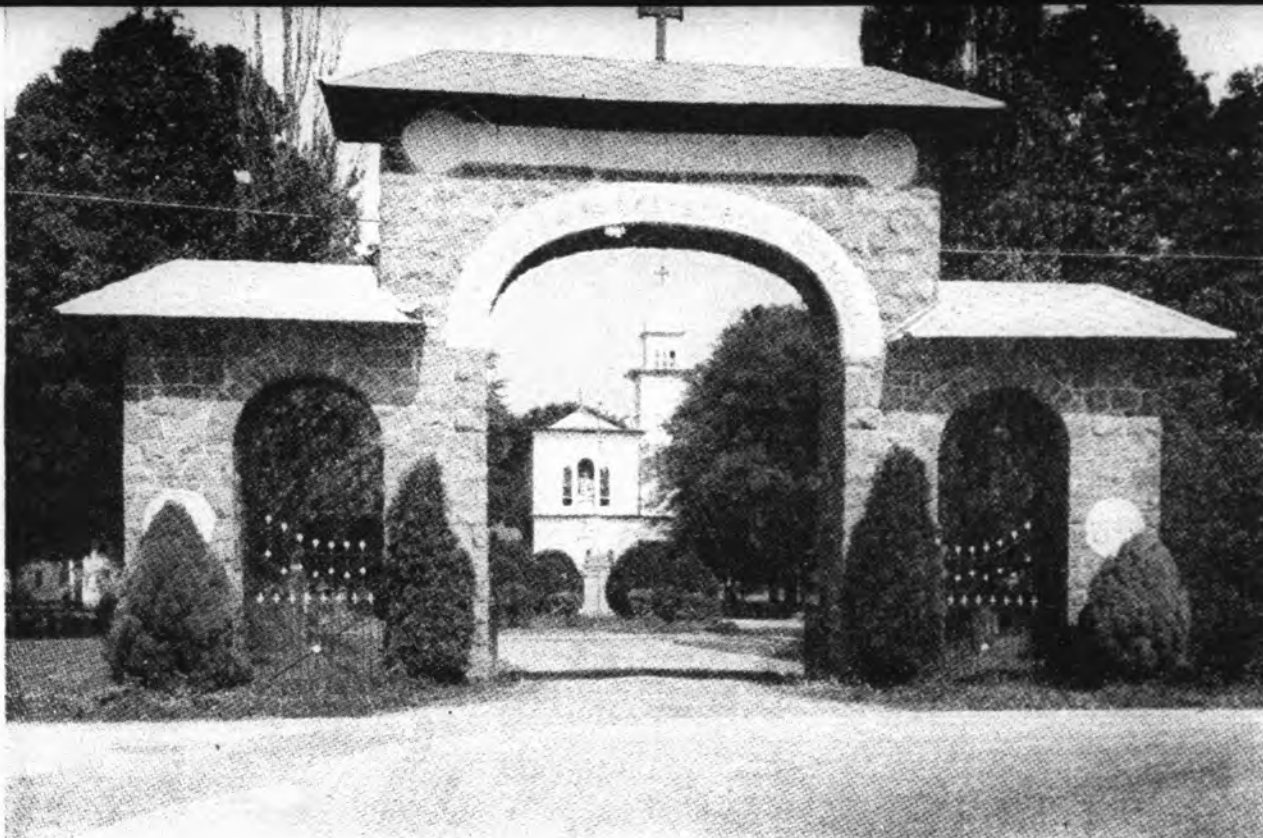


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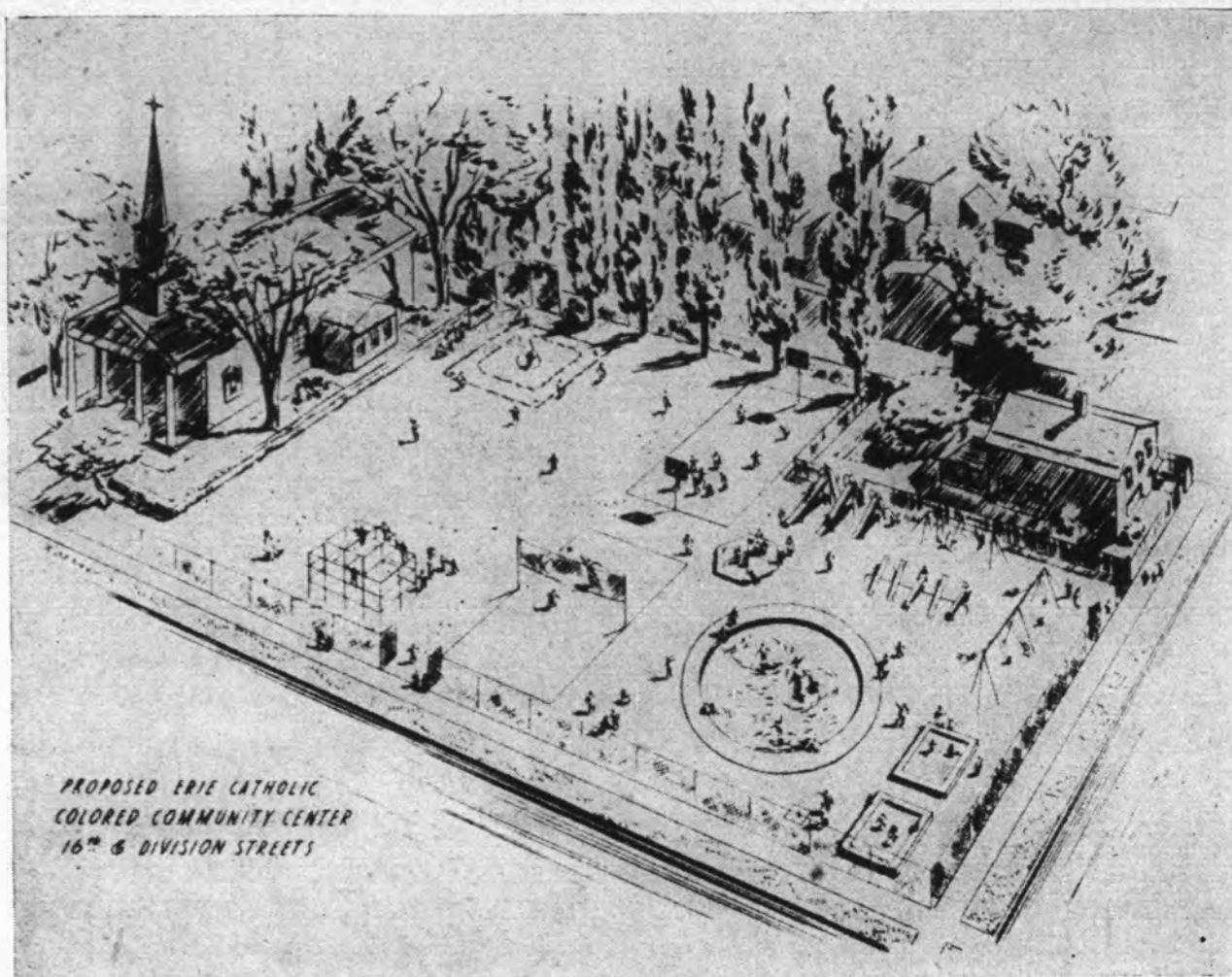
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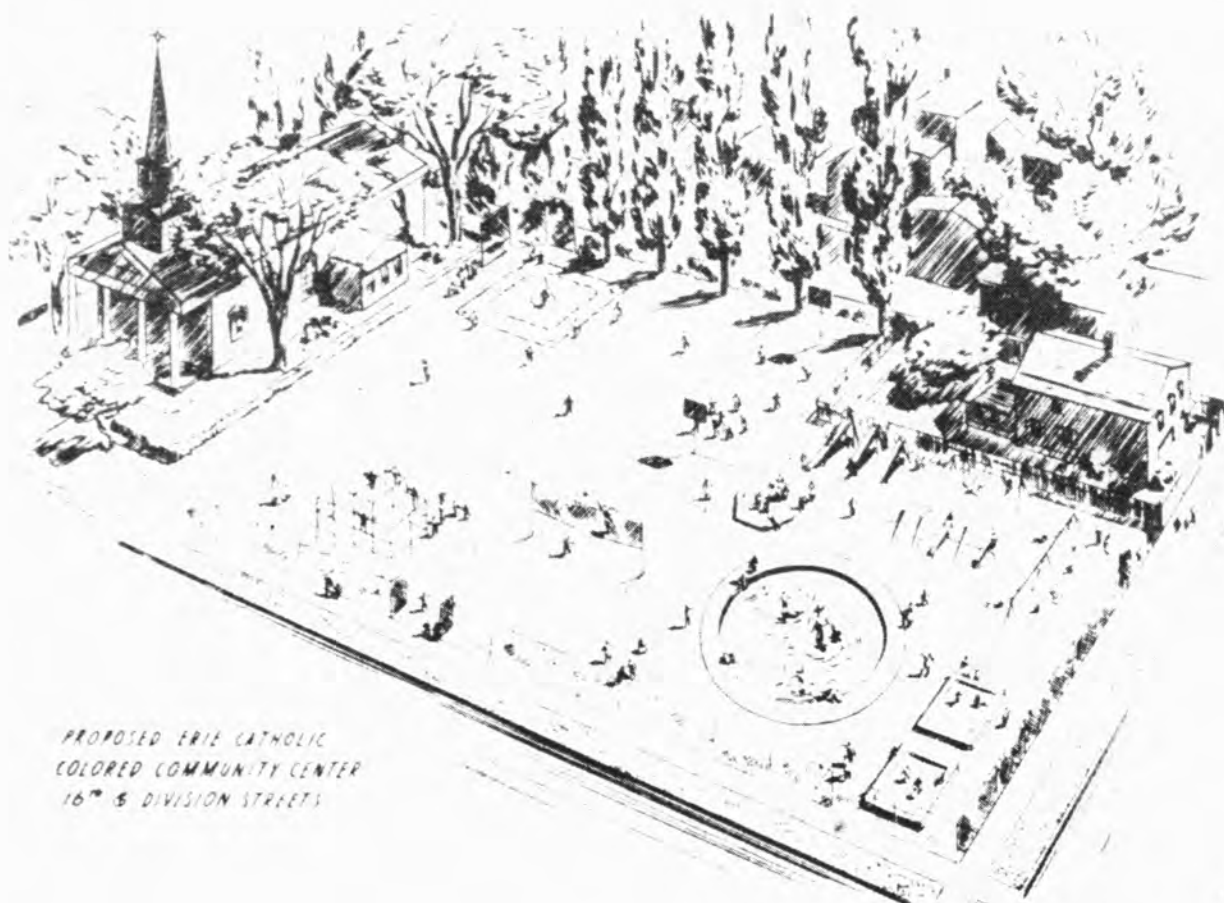
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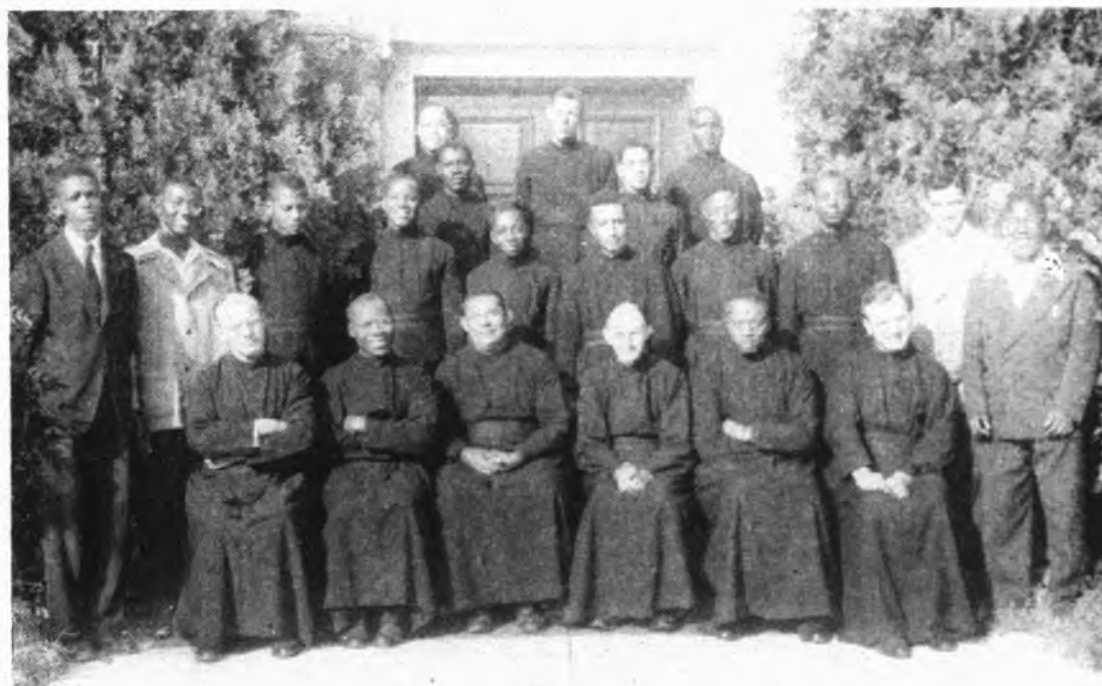
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 Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.
 Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.
 John Carroll University, University Heights, Cleveland, Ohio
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According to a recent survey of Jesuit schools in the United States made by Father Francis K. Drolet, S.J., of Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md., there are fifty Jesuit universities, colleges and high schools in this country which are interracial in as much as they admit qualified Negro students without any discrimination whatsoever.

In these 23 universities and colleges and 27 high schools, located from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, there are about 500 Negro students in a total of over 106,000 students. St. Louis University has the largest Negro enrollment — 150 students. Fordham University in New York has 102.

The names of these schools are:

Universities and Colleges:

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Newton, Mass.
 Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr.
 Fordham University, Bronx, New York, N. Y.
 Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.
 Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.
 Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.
 John Carroll University, University Heights, Cleveland, Ohio
 LeMoyne College, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.
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 Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Regis College, Denver, Colo.
 Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Mo.
 St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa.
 St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
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 Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif.

Scranton University, Scranton, Pa.
 Seattle College, Seattle, Wash.
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 University of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.
 Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

High Schools:

Bellarmino High School, Tacoma, Wash.
 Bellarmine Preparatory High School, San Jose, Calif.
 Boston College High School, Boston, Mass.
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 Canisius High School, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Cheverus High School, Portland, Me.
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Ideals and Practice

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“In practice, however, the American people evidence great inconsistency. These ideals are only partially attained. Prejudices based on race, on religion, and on national origin result in widespread discrimination. These prejudices are in constant conflict with the American ideals. Now and then one becomes aware of this confusion and contradiction in his own attitudes. Some of the American people are ashamed of this inconsistency and are anxious to rectify the situation.”

Mrs. A. H. Haynes, Ph.D.

Where to Begin

“If we really wish to effect the reconstruction of society, the first place to begin is in our relations with one another. If we look at ourselves honestly, we discover that we need, basically, love for one another. I do not mean a sentiment that comes and goes with passing whims, but the steady flame of Christian love that animates all good souls. The world needs bitterly the love of man for man; the love of Chi-

nese for Japanese; of the Negro for the White; of the Pole for the Russian; of the Irish for the Jews; of the American for all the world. Love is not for the weak; it is for the strong. For only the strong can quell the pangs of envy; only the strong can grapple with the tearing tentacles of hate. Only the strong man can accept his brother on terms of honest equality, without rancor, with the love of brother for brother.”

*Most Rev. Bernard Sheil, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago*

Must Be Seen to be “Misappreciated”

“Have you ever listened to the cry of an unseen infant? Sure you have. Can you, without seeing the child, tell the baby’s color? We know the cry emanates from a human being, but color has nothing to do with being a member of the human race. White or colored does not change our human properties. We are, whether white or colored, creatures of God, made to His image and likeness. As such there is no place for our acquired prejudice against the colored man. We are prejudiced because of lack of education and understanding, not because we were endowed with that prejudice. The message of Christ, love and tolerance and mercy is one that deserves application particularly in the white man’s approach to the Negro problem. We, the whites, made the Negro what he is. We as whites, can never forget that. It is therefore up to us to solve the problem. It can be done. It will be done. It must be done. Prayer, education, tolerance and understanding are the weapons we must use.”

*Thomas F. Ritt
New York, N. Y.*

BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

A Mixed State Guard

The Governor of New Jersey, Alfred E. Driscoll, has forbidden segregation in the New Jersey State National Guard. In making this decision, the Governor went against the national policy as applied to the regular army. But the action was in accord with the efforts of "The Garden State" to provide equality for all of its citizens under the bill of rights clause in its new constitution.

Cutting Down on Jim Crow

In Charlottesville, Virginia, a 12-old segregated branch of the Public Library was closed down, and all facilities of the main Public Library were opened to colored citizens. This move followed the passage of a resolution by the local Library Board, that said in part: "There appears to be no occasion at this time for segregation of the races in their use of the city library...the experience of other Virginia cities has demonstrated that operation of separate facilities is unnecessary." We wish other public facilities in this and in other Southern cities would be affected by the same conclusion.

A Minor Encroachment on Jim Crow

A Negro student entered the University of Arkansas Law School last February. There was no incident, or opposition. Rather he was treated as merely another student, with the exception that he has a special classroom all to himself.

More Activity Against Segregation

The Massachusetts Senate passed a bill prohibiting discrimination against a person in housing projects because of race, color, creed or religion.

At Albany, New York, similar bills were introduced, designed to outlaw discrimination in educational institutions at every level.

In Maryland, the State Commission to Study Negro Problems recommended

to Governor Lane that the "jim-crow" laws be repealed.

In Virginia, five bills to abolish segregation in the State (with the exception of separate schools for white and colored) were introduced in the General Assembly by Delegate W. H. C. Murray of Richmond.

In Missouri, a civil rights bill was introduced in the House by Rep. William Massingale, colored assemblyman from St. Louis. This bill was intended to punish any act of exclusion of any person from places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement because of race, religion, color or nationality.

First Negro to Head Group

Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, head of the department of sociology at Howard University, has assumed the position of president of the American Sociological Society, for the present year, 1948. Dr. Frazier, elected at the annual meeting in New York, last December, is the first Negro to head this group.

First Graduate

Thaddeus James Collins, a seaman 2/c, was a recent graduate from the Naval School of Photography at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Seaman Collins, who majored in aeronautical engineering for one year at Tuskegee Institute, is the first Negro to attend and complete the course at the Pensacola base.

The Board of World Relief Agency

Five prominent Negroes have been named to the Board of Directors of the federated group of foreign relief organization, recently organized as the American Overseas Aid-United Nations Appeal for Children. They are Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President of Fisk University; Mrs. Robert L. Vann, Publisher-Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Courier; J. E. Stamps, Manager, Social Security Board of Chicago; Dr. Eva C. Mitchell of Hampton Institute; and Dr. Thomas M. Campbell, U. S. Agricultural representative, Tuskegee Institute.



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My dear Boys and Girls:

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One of the teachers examined him. But Booker T. was poor in his studies. Why? He had had little opportunity to read and learn as a boy. As a result, the teacher was about to send him back home to continue hard manual work.

But, no, the teacher did not do that. She decided to give Booker T. another chance, since he had come from such a long distance, and since he was so much in earnest. This time the teacher wisely gave him a different kind of entrance examination. What was it?

The young would-be student was told to sweep and dust one of the school-rooms. Booker T. cleaned that room *well*! He did it so thoroughly and neatly that his teacher decided to keep him and not send him back home.

Booker T. was neat, clean and thorough in everything that he undertook. He finally became a very great and famous man, the founder of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where 1,500 colored students are now studying.

So, you see, my dear Boys and Girls, that neatness and thoroughness count for something after all. Moral: Try

to be neat and thorough in all that you do.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Cheer-Up: Here is a drawing I made of our church and school here in Vicksburg. I hope you like it. I also hope it wins a prize. I want to become an artist after I finish school. I enjoy reading the **MESSENGER** every month. As editor of our school paper, "St. Mary's Highlights," I am interested in all bulletins and school magazines.

Bruce Payne, Jr., 12th grade
1306½ South St.
Vicksburg, Miss.

Greetings, Bruce! Hope that you become a great newspaper man some day. I am glad you like the **MESSENGER**. Do you tell others to read it? Write again.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: Since I like to draw and paint I decided to draw a picture for **ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER** contest. The name of the picture is "Our Lady." I am in the sixth grade at Our Lady Academy and I was 11 years old in December.

Mary Elmira Smith, age 11
P. O. Box 296
Manteno, Illinois

Mary, your drawing is *neat*. I suppose your teachers take pains to stress this important point. Thanks. Won't you write again, please?

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I'm writing you these few remarks to let you know that I saw your message in the magazine. Thank you because I like to draw. I'm in the eighth grade. I go to St. Francis School. Here is my drawing.

Willie Smith, age 16
P. O. Box 384
Yazoo City, Miss.

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That drawing of the Christmas Crib is original. Fine, Willie! I never saw a picture of the crib with a horse in it. That's what makes your picture so original.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: How are you feeling? Fine — I hope. I am sending you these stamps, they aren't much but I think they will help. I will send you some more as soon as I get some more.

Patricia St. Julien, age 12
2615 Toulouse St.
New Orleans, La.

Thanks a million for the stamps, Patricia. Whenever you send us stamps you help the Missions and Missionaries.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I am enclosing one picture of the "Church of Christians," so that I may enter your contest. This picture has no marks except the title.

Lawrence B. Blouin, age 12
1220 S. Miro St.
New Orleans, La.

Lawrence, your drawing is historic. Do you read history books? That is one good way to learn things. Write again sometime.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I have been reading your MESSENGER and I like the "Children's Corner" very much. Father, when are you going to visit our church? Our church celebrated its 25th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. It was a great success. The picture in the book is very good so I drew one on my handkerchief that I got for Christmas. Junior, my brother that serves on the altar, said "Hello" to you and the other priests in the Seminary. I have the best school teacher and I have a nice music teacher.

Laura Mary Williams, 8th grade
1914 Anna St.
Shreveport, La.

That is a very nice letter Laura. If ever I get the opportunity to travel near Shreveport, I will try to visit your church. You are fortunate to have good teachers. Lots of luck to you in your music!

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Just oodles and oodles of drawings are coming in for the contest, and I must say that they are good! That's the spirit! Keep those letters and drawings coming this way! Don't forget that the winning pictures will be published in the "Children's Corner" each month. Here are the lucky ones for this month:



MADONNA AND CHILD

Drawn by Mary Louise Wright, grade 12
833 Hopkins St., Augusta, Ga.



CHURCH

Drawn by Cleveland Briscoe
P. O. Box 112, Sunset, La.



"FRANKIE"

Drawn by John Porter, age 10
1016 Lyons St., New Orleans, La.

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DRESSED FOR A PARTY

Drawn by Theresè E. Geis, age 14
208 Burkhardt Ave., Dayton 3, Ohio

For these swell pen-and-ink drawings Mary Louise, John, Cleveland and Therese will receive a Guardian Angel Medal, a booklet about Our Lady of Fatima, and a whole year's FREE subscription to ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER.

Deserving of HONORABLE MENTION are the following very nice pen-and-ink drawings which have been sent in by boys and girls during the contest:

"The Sacred Heart" by George Cook, age 10, 6127 N. Paulina St., Chicago 26, Ill.

"Mary and the Christ Child" by Dorothy Maynor, 261 Bellingham, Tacoma, Wash.

"The Blessed Virgin" by Bernice Jolivet, Sunset, La.

"The Bishop" by John Reaux, Box 444, Abbeville, La.

"Dick Tracy" by Robert Smith, age 14, 3111 Royston Ave., Baltimore 14, Md.

"Dagwood Bumstead" by Carl Blouin, 1220 S. Miro St., New Orleans 13, La.

"I Just Wonder" by John Hebert, age 11, 2211 Belden St., Lake Charles, La.

"A Snooper" by Mary Louise Meier, age 11, 227 East 5th St., Winona, Minn.

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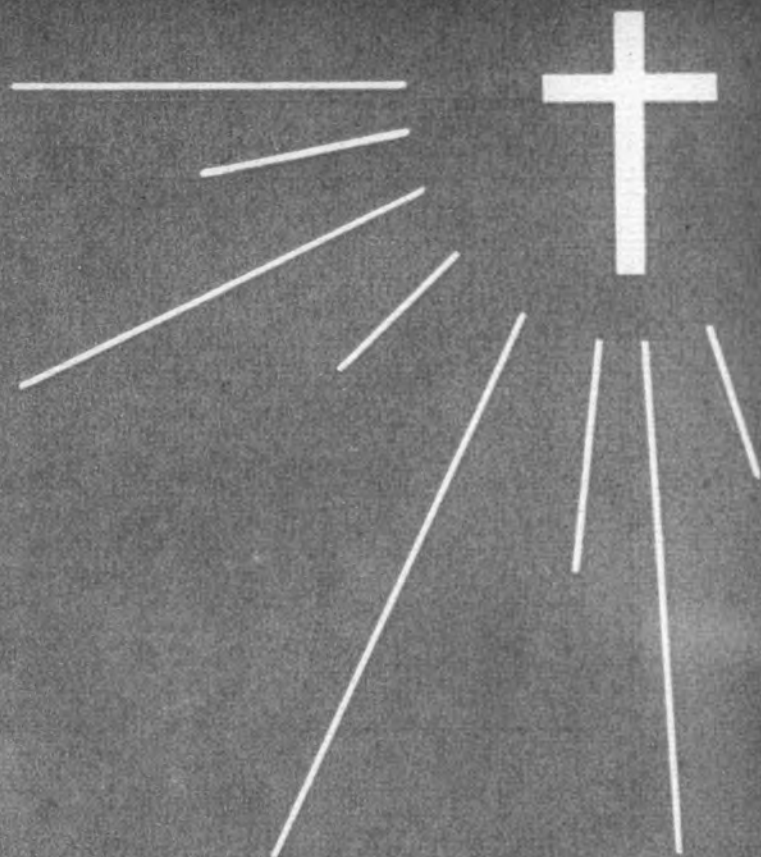
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On February 27, the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball invited Manhattan College to participate in its annual championship tourney to be held in Kansas City, Mo., March 8 to 13. This was an honor which Manhattan was glad to accept, until it learned that the eligibility rules included the following clause: "Colored players not allowed." There were no colored players on the Manhattan basketball team at the time, nevertheless the

college administration decided that to participate in the tournament under the circumstances would seem to be an endorsement of a policy contrary to Catholic principles of racial equality. Consequently, N.A.I.B. officials were notified that unless the ban against Negro players were dropped Manhattan College would not take part in the Kansas City meet. The officials refused to drop the ban and Manhattan forthwith withdrew its squad.

The N.A.I.B. then invited Siena College to fill the vacancy, but received the reply that Siena would accept only if the "unChristian, undemocratic and unsportsmanlike" rule against Negroes were withdrawn. That settled it. On March 5, the N.A.I.B. announced that the rule barring Negro players had been rescinded. A few hours later Manhattan College accepted the invitation to play in the tournament.

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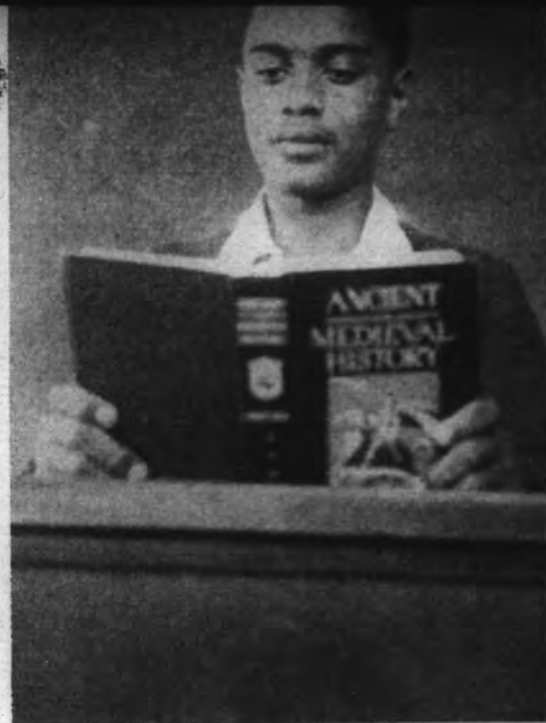
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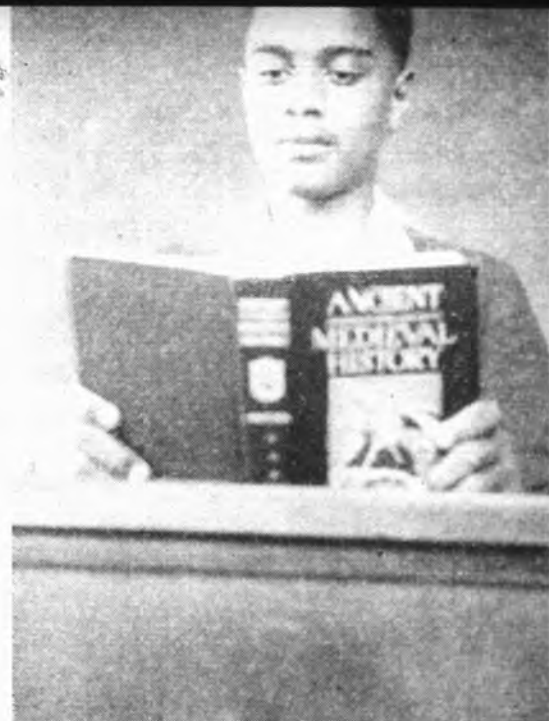
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them the Divine help which pilgrims in this world so sorely need today.

"St. Maurice, please help us that we may become more Christ-like in our sufferings, and pray to God for our fellowmen, both white and black, that they may become more Christ-like in their relations towards one another!"

The O'Connells Take The Floor

Under date of March 5, 1948, the *Catholic Virginian*, diocesan paper of Richmond, Va., reported that Rev. Thomas O'Connell, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va., was one of several clergymen to speak in favor of anti-segregation bills at a special hearing conducted by a committee of the Virginia House of Representatives.

Said Father O'Connell: "I appear here to support five bills designed to remove the barriers of fellow Americans to meet and travel without the humiliation of segregation.... These barriers are morally indefensible since, according to St. Paul, 'Here there is not gentile or Jew, barbarian or Scythian, slave or free man, but Christ is all things and in all.' Therefore Christ is in my fellowmen, whether white or colored."

Declaring that when the Diocesan Holy Name Union held its convention in Richmond last October, members of the Society, white and colored, went to church together, ate together and met together, but that because of the jim crow laws he was having difficulty in finding a place for the 1948 convention, Father O'Connell called the Virginia segregation laws ridiculous and outmoded.

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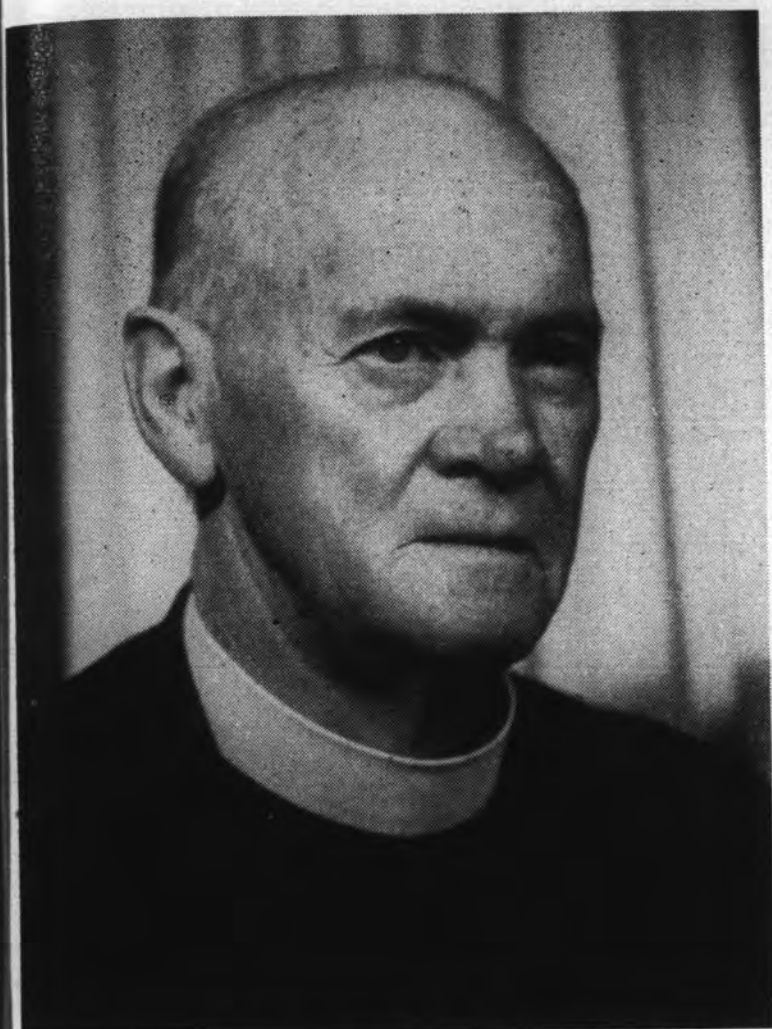
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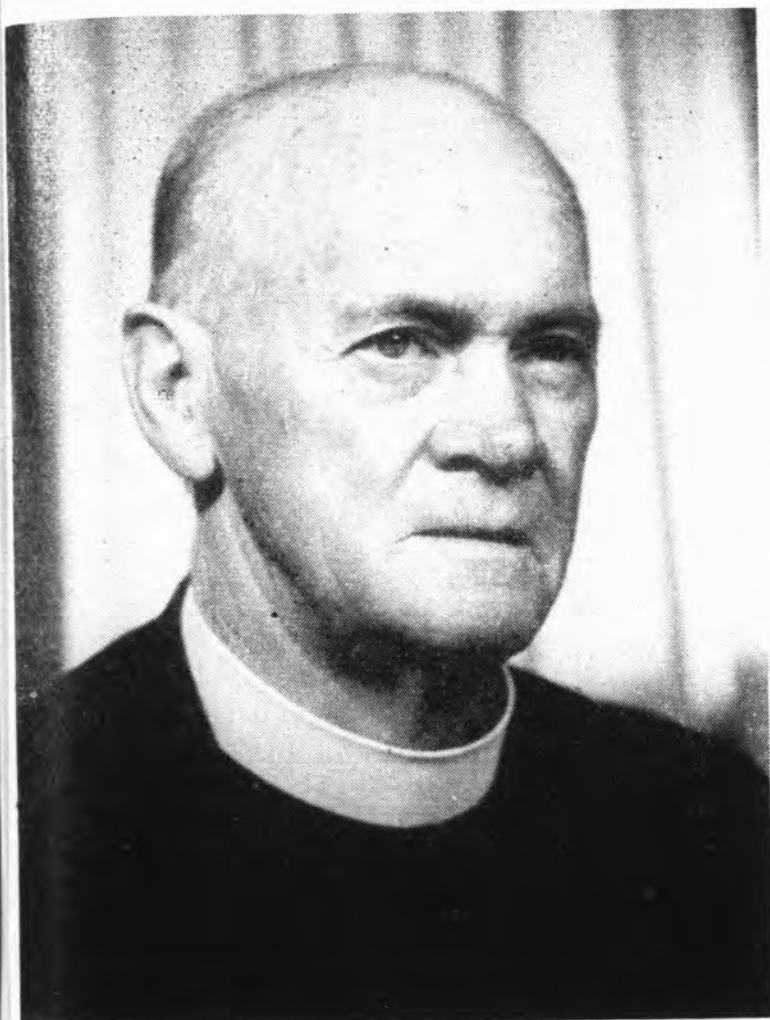
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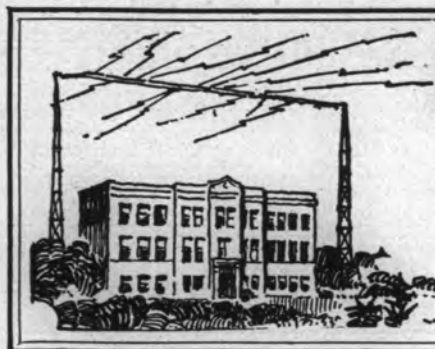


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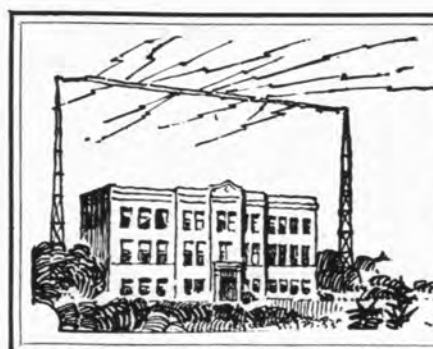


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FAITH IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

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While stationed in the Marshall Islands at Roi Namur in the Kwajalein Atoll, I met quite a few of the natives. These Marshallese worked with the American Civilian Government.

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Knowing that, we took off on a Friday morning in an LCI. Those of my readers who understand what an LCI is, will know that it is not a large ship, and is used especially for inter-island patrol and carrying merchandise.

The object of the Civil Affairs Officer's visit was to make arrangements for roofing, which the natives made from the palm trees. These trips to this island and similar islands were made periodically for the same purpose. The matting was brought back to Roi Namur or Kwajalein and put on the roof of our Recreation Hall and other buildings on the island.

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from all parts of the U.S.A. They were congenial and friendly. But after a few hours out of the lagoon, I headed for my sack, since I easily succumbed to sea-sickness.

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Enthusiastic over the adventure, I immediately started to make preparations for the trip, first obtaining all the necessary permissions. But there was one hitch in the whole affair. The Civil Government Officer could not leave except over the week-end, and therefore our islands would be without Sunday Masses if I were to go then. Not wishing to deprive our Catholics of opportunity to fulfill their Sunday obligation, and yet desirous of making the journey, I was in a dilemma. But providentially I found out that there was a carrier, the *Tripoli* by name, coming into the lagoon. And fortunately, they had on board a Catholic Chaplain by the name of Father Sporrer.

Knowing that, we took off on a Friday morning in an LCI. Those of my readers who understand what an LCI is, will know that it is not a large ship, and is used especially for inter-island patrol and carrying merchandise.

The object of the Civil Affairs Officer's visit was to make arrangements for roofing, which the natives made from the palm trees. These trips to this island and similar islands were made periodically for the same purpose. The matting was brought back to Roi Namur or Kwajalein and put on the roof of our Recreation Hall and other buildings on the island.

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from all parts of the U.S.A. They were congenial and friendly. But after a few hours out of the lagoon, I headed for my sack, since I easily succumbed to sea-sickness.

Now the distance from Kwajalein to Likiep is approximately 350 miles. All the while we were on the trip I could not muster up courage enough to eat. This was again due to the fact that I was not a good sailor.

Unexpectedly, we had trouble with our engines. We could not do the usual eight or nine knots, as we wished, but had to slow down to five, and consequently the trip was longer. Yet it was beautiful. The weather was clear and warm, and at night the skies were studded with twinkling stars. Many indeed were the ships that passed us on our way to Likiep. Our signalman sent them blinker signals, and they in return reported friendly.

We sighted the island of Likiep about three o'clock in the afternoon, a slender thread of black against a beautiful sky. A little later we were close in to it. In order to give us a preliminary view, the Captain headed the LCI for the northeastern extremity of the atoll, and we coasted along the leeward side for miles just off the reef. There were long stretches of reef awash, where we could look across into the lagoon, and beyond to the islets on the far side — blurs of pale blue against the horizon. The ones on the near side, a dozen or more, were gems of islets with coconut and pandanus trees casting their long shadows over the coral sand. The seabirds, among them the snow white tern, fluttering over the trees and shimmering along the hollows made by the combers rising to break on the reef, gave the scene a touch of life and movement needed to make loneliness lovelier still. No sign of human habitation could be seen from the ocean side and, as with all atolls, there were deep channels through the reefs through which one could enter into the lagoon.

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Early Sunday morning I went ashore, together with the Catholic crew from the ship. We were met and conducted to the former parish house of the German Sacred Heart Fathers, where an altar was erected in a large room.

Now, the head of the clan wanted me to hear the Confessions of the youngsters. I persuaded him that this was not to be done, because I did not think the children were sufficiently instructed since there had been no priest on the island for 33 years, and since I didn't know their language. However, I did give general absolution, after telling the interpreter to have the older folks make a perfect act of contrition. A few still wished to go to Confession. One old man and one old woman confessed in German.

While vesting for Mass, I was quite surprised to have a young man about 18 years old volunteer to serve. Throughout the Mass he answered the prayers as fluently as any American boy would have done back in the United States. During the Holy Sacrifice, the natives sang hymns in honor of the Mother of God, and of the Sacred Heart in their Marshallese tongue. I gave Communion to the old folks, and you could see the joy that filled their hearts. After Mass was over, they came up and kissed my hand, and thanked me for coming. I distributed rosaries to different families, giving away, too, other religious articles which I had with me.

Through an interpreter the people told me that until 1914 there had been a flourishing mission with a personnel of two priests, five nuns, and three Brothers of the Sacred Heart Society. But at the time of the Japanese invasion in 1914, these missionaries were driven out. No priest had come to the island since then. But being a seafaring people, the natives went, with their families, twice a year, during the Christ-

mas and the Easter times, to a Catholic mission on a far-a-way island, for Confession and Communion. On being asked what they did during the rest of the year for religious services, the interpreter answered that they gathered together each Sunday morning and prayed the Rosary. It was the Rosary that was keeping the Faith alive in these islands, and they were praying for the day that the missionaries would come back to them.

Now, they presented for Baptism five children whose ages ranged from three months to four years. The choice of names for them showed that the good people still kept the Faith. The children were called Paul, Elizabeth, Edith, and Bernard. However, one little girl did not have a Saint's name. Since that day happened to be the feast of Saint Agnes, I baptized the little one Agnes, in honor of the virgin martyr of Rome.

After this, we retraced our steps to the chief's house, where a little breakfast was prepared for us. It was at this time that I had the opportunity of further conversation with an American castaway of German descent, whose name was Hand. He had been shipwrecked on that island some sixty-eight years ago. Having lived there since then, he had married one of the natives. To be able to hear his experiences which reminded one of the seafaring characters in Joseph Lincoln's books, was worth the effort and the trip to Likiep.

When we were ready to depart that Sunday afternoon, the natives asked me to return, if possible. I promised them I would if I could make it. As our little LCI plowed through the lagoon into the ocean, I could not help but lift my mind and heart to God in prayer for the valiant missionaries who had sowed the seeds of the Faith so deeply in the hearts of these people. I prayed, too, that God would soon send other priests to these islands.

My own return to the island has never materialized. However, I see from the latest reports in our Catholic magazines that the prayers of these good people, no doubt through the intercession of the Mother of God, will be answered, for missionaries — this time American Jesuits — are going back to them.

BRIGHT SPOTS IN THE NEWS

LaGuardia Airport Official

J. Bernard Knighten, Tulsa, Okla., Negro veteran has been placed in a position of responsibility at the LaGuardia Airport. He has been appointed assistant airway traffic controller. He is a former pilot of the 99th Fighter Squadron, as well as a graduate of Dillard University of New Orleans, La. The new appointee will be stationed in the Civil Aeronautics Administration Building at the huge airport, to calculate the speed of aircraft coming into the area and see to it that landing space is sufficient to avoid collisions.

Eight Policemen for Atlanta, Ga.

The Police Committee of the City Council of Atlanta, Ga., appointed eight colored men to Atlanta's police force to begin duty in the month of March. The police chief of this Southern city was further authorized to make a survey of Savannah or another city having Negro police in order to learn how to make the most effective use of their Negro officers. These colored policemen will be the first in Atlanta since Reconstruction days.

A First in California

Mrs. Josephine Cole has the honor of being the first Negro teacher ever to be employed in a San Francisco high school. She is a 1936 graduate of the University of California, and she began teaching the same year. About five years ago, Mrs. Cole was the first Negro to earn a regular appointment as a teacher in the city grammar school system.

Racial Hatred Declining

That is the good news from Detroit. A recent survey has shown that racial groups are accepting one another as brothers on a larger scale than ever before in the history of the city. The Detroit Interracial Committee has mustered 41 cultural groups to combat prejudice. They are at present at work on an educational program for the same purpose.

Man of the Year

Rev. Claude H. Heithaus, S.J., of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was honored as the "Man of the Year" by the Interracial Federation of Milwaukee County. He received a scroll attesting to his outstanding work in promoting interracial amity and understanding.

New York Woman Heads Arbitration Board

Mrs. Edith Alexander has been unanimously elected chairman of the Harlem Merchant-Consumer Arbitration Board. This Board was created to help eliminate friction between white storekeepers and Negro customers. Mrs. Alexander, already an associate director of the Mayor's Committee on Unity, was responsible for bringing together merchants and consumer representatives on a cooperative program designed to eliminate alleged unethical merchandising practices.

CIO All Out Against Prejudice

At the first national conference of the Congress of Industrial Organizations on civil rights, in Cleveland, Ohio, the delegates planned for a thorough offensive against prejudice, segregation and bigotry in the United States. The Congress took this public stand in response to CIO President Philip Murray's urging to devise ways to implement the report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights.

Senior Scouts Stand for Racial Harmony

Colored and white Senior Girl Scouts, took an active part in the 29th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Girl Scouts, which was held at Long Beach, California in the first week of November. These Scouts came out strongly in words and actions for racial harmony, and severely scored color discrimination.

May

Saints



"Blessed be the Holy and Triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!"

Trinity Sunday, May 23

May 13 — St. Robert Bellarmine

St. Robert Bellarmine was born in 1542 at Montepulciano. In later life he became a member of the Society of Jesus. He distinguished himself as a preacher, teacher and writer. He, moreover, was a courageous defender of the rights of the Church. He died in the year 1621. In the year 1923, he was beatified. In 1931, he was canonized and declared a Doctor of the Church. St. Robert Bellarmine is the patron of catechetical instruction. If you are an instructor in catechetics, ask St. Robert Bellarmine to help you.

May 17 — St. Paschal Baylon

St. Paschal Baylon was a Brother of the Franciscan Order. He was outstanding because of his ardent love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He died on May 15, 1592. Pope Leo XIII declared him the protector of all Eucharistic Congresses.

May 19 — St. Peter Celestine

St. Peter Celestine was a great lover of solitude. He spent a great part of his life in seclusion. Later he was forced to abandon this mode of life, when he was summoned to Rome, where he was elected to the Pontificate. During his pontificate as well as after it, he worked many miracles. Throughout his life, he was outstanding for his simplicity. He died May 19, 1296. Let us ask this Saint to give us a love of solitude; for in solitude the soul is able to hear more clearly and distinctly the Voice of God.

May 27 — St. Bede

St. Bede, the illustrious ornament of the Anglo-Saxon Church and the first English historian, is universally known as "Venerable Bede." He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII. During his lifetime, St. Bede wrote some beautiful lives of Anglo-Saxon Saints. Historians relate that he passed no time in idleness; but always applied himself to prayer, work and study. Let us ask St. Bede to give us a hatred for the vice of idleness and a love for Prayer and Study.

May 29 — St. Mary Magdalen Pazzi

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May 31 — Bl. James Salomonius

Blessed James Salomonius was born of a noble family at Venice in 1231. From his early years, James was a very pious child. At the age of 17, he gave all of his possessions to the poor and joined the Dominican Order. Throughout his entire life, he preserved his baptismal innocence. He died on May 31, 1314. Let us ask this Saint to pray for us that we may always be pure of heart and detached from the passing things of time.



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Laying the Cards on the Table

"Until every religious order, congregation, and society of this our great United States can include among its members, either actually or potentially, representatives of every color, and race and nation which this mishmash population claims, such a religious organization is not democratic and still very much less is it Catholic. Neither can there be any dilly-dallying about this matter — all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding.... As one weak and humble representative of the Catholic Sisterhoods of America, I know that, as a body, we can exercise great power — each individual with the strength of a spouse of Jesus Christ. Our influence is deep and wide and enduring, if only we actually keep the Second Great Commandment of Him we are sworn to serve. If we fail in this, all is lost. There certainly is nothing illogical or ambiguous in the words of St. John, the Apostle, in his Epistle: 'If any one says: I love God; and hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can he who does not love his brother, whom he sees, love God, Whom he does not see'."

*Sister Mary Ellen, O.P.
in Sponsa Regis*

The Demands of Charity

"Christian charity demands that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves; that we have the same respect and esteem for all persons on earth as we have for our very selves; that we avoid hurting others in any way, be it in body, soul, or sentiment. Dislike and hatred of the Negro, or of any race or nationality, is obviously an abuse of charity. But what is less obvious and less easily realized, but no less true, is the fact

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*Rev. Stanley Iverson
Notre Dame Seminary
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Color and Inferiority

"Associated with the Negro is the idea of chattel slavery. It has paid certain people — some of them in positions of influence — to maintain the fiction of his inferiority. He can readily be used as a scapegoat because he can be identified by his color, but once he divests himself from identification with American Negroes, he can be favorably received."

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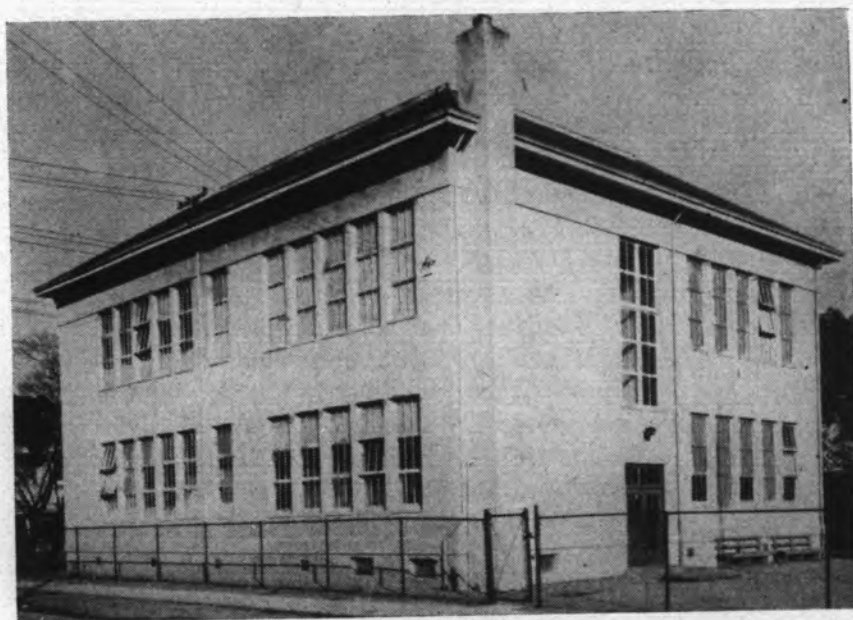


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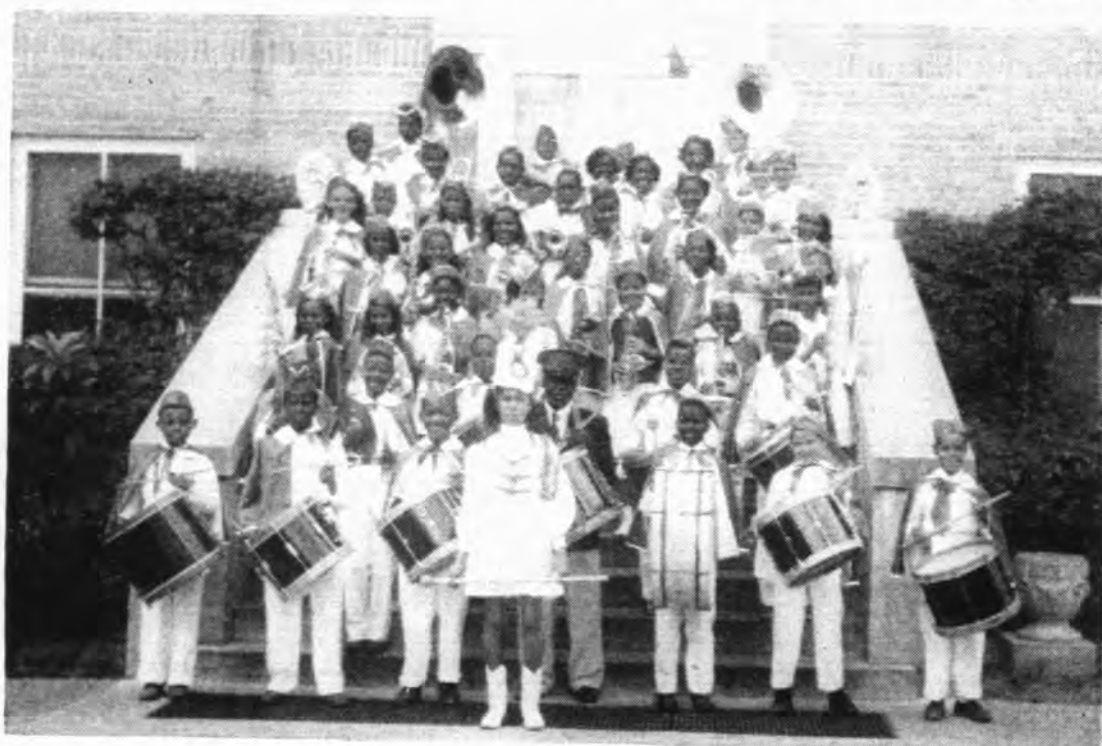
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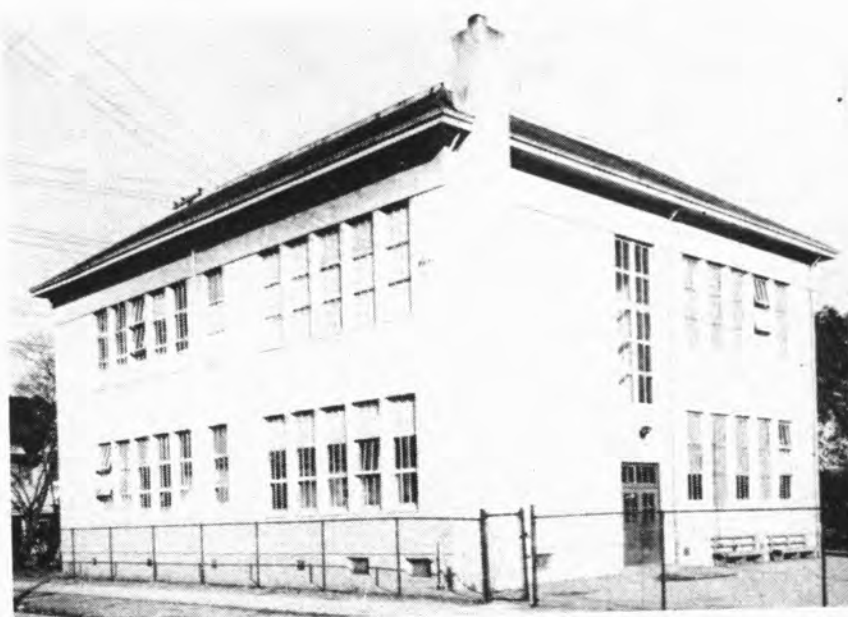


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My dear Boys and Girls:

Gratitude! Some big words, eh? Well, it means to be thankful for the favors which others have done for us.

Help a blind man across the street and you will hear him say: "Thank you. God bless you!"

You will never lose so long as you tell Dad, Mom, teacher: "Thank you." They will sacrifice and work all the harder for you. Then you will study harder, for you want to show them thanks for their hard work for you. That is the reason why we deeply respect parents and are never ashamed of them.

Ingratitude is a bitter and painful dagger. It cuts and hurts the feelings of others worse than anything else.

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A WORD OF THANKS

I thank you for your goodness,
For your kindly thought of me;
But poor is human gratitude,
And so we'll let it be.
But here's my heart's acknowledgment
In simple speech expressed:
May the good God bless and thank you
In the way that He knows best.

MY MAIL BAG

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I was very glad to hear from you and to know that you were interested in my drawing. The picture in front of the card was very nice. I was especially glad to see my letter in the January issue. It makes me feel that I can still do better, and I hope that by my drawing I will be a great success if it is God's will. I happened to see one letter from a girl asking if she could join the "Children's Corner." I, too, would like to join and will be glad to do the duties connected with it. I will remember you in all my prayers and every morning at Mass I will beg God's blessing on you and the seminarians. Respectfully yours,

Katrina Ramsey, grade 7
Girls Town of America
Carthage 16, Ohio

Katrina, congratulations upon your very neatly and correctly written letter. You are a member of "Children's Corner" by merely writing to me. Please continue to pray for us. Write again.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: I am a new student of this school and I like it very much. Sister showed me a picture to draw to send for you to see it. I hope you enjoy looking at it. I hope you come and visit our school soon. I am expecting to graduate this year. Sincerely yours,

Freddie Lee, age 15
Route 1, Box 199
Liberty, Texas

Hello, out there in Texas! Say, that's a pretty nice picture of St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, Freddie. I can't say for sure if I will travel to Texas soon, but if and when I do, I will try to look you up. Study hard.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER

Dear Father Cheer-Up: It is my first time writing you. I am positive you do not know me. However, I want to congratulate you upon your excellent work, the MESSENGER. It is my favorite Catholic magazine. I enjoy reading it, especially the "Children's Corner." I like to draw and thought probably I would send in a sketch of my drawing for the Pen-and-Ink Contest. Of course, it is not the very best, but it was done without tracing. I say short prayers now and then for everybody especially for those belonging to the religious state. Now I will say a special prayer for you that God may help you to continue your good work. Respectfully yours,

Mary Mouton, age 16
Holy Rosary Institute
Lafayette, La.

Mary, I am happy to know that you like and read the MESSENGER. Do you tell others about it and pass it on? That's swell — as a representative of Holy Rosary Institute, you have entered the drawing contest. Thanks sincerely for your prayers.

Dear Father Cheer-Up: How are you? Fine, I hope. I am fine, too. I like to read the MESSENGER and I would like to join the contest. The drawing I did is not perfect. I wanted to draw Sluggo with Nancy, but he would not come out so good, so I let him alone. I would like to win the contest. We went in church every noon during Lent. I said a prayer for you every day. I would like to become a Sister of the Holy Family.

Helen Elizabeth Reaux, age 12
Our Lady of Lourdes School
Abbeville, La.

Helen, your drawings look good. "Nancy" makes you laugh. It's grand to make people smile, isn't it? You say you want to become a Sister of the Holy Family? Well, that is wonderful. You have to study hard and pray. I appreciate your daily prayers for me very much. Write again sometime.

ALSO HEARD FROM

Una Oreaboe, of Houston, Texas; Winfield Ledet, of St. Martinville, La.; Beverly Ann Washington, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Shannon, of Detroit, Michigan; Lester Batiste, of New Orleans, La.; Mary Jolivet, of Sunset, La.; Patricia Ann Tobin, of St. Francis de Paula School in Chicago, Ill.; Henry Eugene Robensen, of New Orleans, La.; Janis Joy Verdun, of Franklin, La.; Emmanuel Bertrand, of Roseau, Dominica, B.W.I.; and Emilie Dolores Ozene, of Grand Coteau, La. Thanks, everybody, and write again!

PEN-AND-INK CONTEST

Boys and girls, gee! but I have received some nice drawings from you. Some of you will be great artists one day. God has given some of you great talent for drawing. So, be grateful, use that talent and make people happy. Here are the winners for this month.



Drawn by John Rachal, age 16,
Natchitoches, La.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN VICKSBURG, MISS.
Drawn by Bruce Payne, 12th grade, 1306½ South St., Vicksburg, Miss.

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THE DEATH OF ST. TARCISIUS
Drawn by Reuben Aaron, age 13,
Natchitoches, La.



AN APPLE FOR TEACHER
Drawn by James Gorski, age 9
614 W. 123rd St., Chicago 28, Ill.

John, Bruce, Reuben and James (all boys this time) will each receive as their prizes a Guardian Angel Medal, a booklet about Our Lady of Fatima, and a year's free subscription to ST. AUGUSTINE'S MESSENGER.

Any pupil in grammar or high school is eligible to enter this contest. Here are the rules:

1. Your drawing must not be traced from another picture.

2. It must be drawn with pen and ink on a piece of plain white paper or cardboard (unruled) with no writing on the back.
3. Your name and address, age and grade must be written on a separate piece of paper and mailed in the same envelope with your drawing.

The drawings which are judged to be good enough will be published in the "Children's Corner" each month. Let's see who can draw a masterpiece. The race is still on!

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I'll be seeing you. Pray for Archbishop Stepinac in prison in Yugoslavia, and pray for the Colored Mission work here in America.

FATHER CHEER-UP
The Seminary
Bay Saint Louis, Miss.

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead..."

(2 Mac. 12, 46)

In your charity, please, pray for the repose of the souls of:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dominic Blasco, who died in Baton Rouge, La., March, 1948;

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frederick Huesmann, who died in Templeton, Iowa, February 9, 1948;

Josephine Hoelken, who died in Germany, March 20, 1948.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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